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HONGKONG TRADE FOR 1938 SETS RECORD DESPITE WAR

THE FIGURES IN BRIEF

TRADE IN 1938 totalled \$1,130,071,214, an increase of \$45,684,526 over 1937.

Imports totalled \$615,168,937, an increase of \$1,104,970. Exports totalled \$511,902,277, an increase of \$44,579,556.

In December exports declined to \$46,496,841, compared with \$49,342,058 in the preceding year.

Exports during the same month declined by \$12,446,291 to \$33,535,169.

Despite November and December losses of trade, Hongkong's trade with China in 1938 aggregated \$463,991,816, which was \$62,269,645 higher than in 1937.

Imports from China totalled \$233,264,347 and exports totalled \$230,727,469.

Bullion and treasure exports totalled \$188,123,656. Imports of bullion and treasure totalled \$9,601,218.

EXPORTS JUMP \$44,579,556: CHINA TRADE FLOURISHED

ALTHOUGH HONGKONG'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN DECEMBER DECLINED BY \$15,291,508 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1937, THE TOTAL TRADE FOR THE WHOLE OF 1938 INCREASED BY \$45,684,526 TO REACH THE NEW RECORD OF \$1,130,071,214.

Imports during 1938 totalled \$618,168,937, an increase of \$1,104,970 over 1937. Exports totalled \$511,902,277, an increase over 1937 of \$44,579,556.

The Colony's adverse trade balance, which was \$149,741,246 in 1937, was only \$106,266,660 in the period under review.

These statistics do not include goods in transit, transshipments, passengers effects, army, navy or air force imports or treasure and bullion.

Serious Decline In December

The effect of Japan's stranglehold on the occupied areas of China was chiefly felt in Hongkong in November and December.

In December imports declined from \$49,342,058 in 1937 to \$46,496,841 in 1938.

Exports declined even more drastically, the total in December last year (\$33,535,169) being \$12,446,291 more than the total for the corresponding period in 1937.

Actually, Hongkong's trade with China over the whole twelve months of last year was a record, the total of \$463,991,816 being \$62,269,645 higher than in 1937.

JAPANESE NEWSPAPER ATTACK ON BRITAIN

TOKYO, Jan. 16.

THE ANSWER of the Japanese press to the British note is sharp and bitter.

Leading Government organs declare that an understanding between Japan and England is completely out of the question as long as Britain refuses to recognise Japan's mission in the Far East, and continues to lend her entire support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The "Hochi Shimbun" characterised the British accusations against Japan as absurd and declared: "England must have lost her senses." Justifying the Japanese action in placing a garrison in China by the assertion that the new Chinese Government had requested it, the paper sharply denounces the British statement that through her action Japan had violated China's sovereignty.

"HE DID IT FIRST"

As regards the Nine-Power Treaty, the paper declared that in repudiating it, Japan would merely be following the example of the Soviet Union which has long since repudiated all agreements signed with other Powers.

They were also following the lead of Germany and Italy, both of whom had declared the Versailles Treaty to be null and void.

The Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" states that should England choose to support Chiang Kai-shek further, Japan will be compelled to regard her as her "arch enemy."—Trans-Ocean.

Imports from China totalled \$233,264,347, compared with \$211,921,185 in 1937. Exports to China totalled \$230,727,469, an increase of \$40,326,483 over 1937.

This abnormal total was effected despite a serious drop in both imports and exports during the last month of the year, when imports from China fell by \$4,049,061 to \$15,761,068 and exports to China fell by \$13,475,469 to \$7,717,927.

Trade With South China There was a drastic curtailment of Hongkong trade with South China in December, due to the Japanese occupation of Canton. Imports from South China (Canton, Hoihow, Kong—Continued on Page 4.)

BRITISH DESTROYER TRAILS TRAWLER

Junk Seizure Near Hongkong Waters

A HONGKONG REGISTERED junk seized by a Japanese trawler after three shots had been fired across its bows.

The junk crew, forced to abandon the ship, picked up by a British destroyer which followed the Japanese vessel until it released the junk.

These are the highlights in an incident revealed for the first time this morning.

The junk was seized by the Japanese at 5 p.m. on January 10, whilst it was in Chinese waters east of Mirs Bay.

Three shots were fired across its bows and seven Japanese boarded it in a small boat.

They demanded the junk's papers from Li San, master of the vessel.

Although these papers indicated that the junk was No. 533 registered in Hongkong, the Japanese forced the crew to take to a small boat, and took the junk in tow.

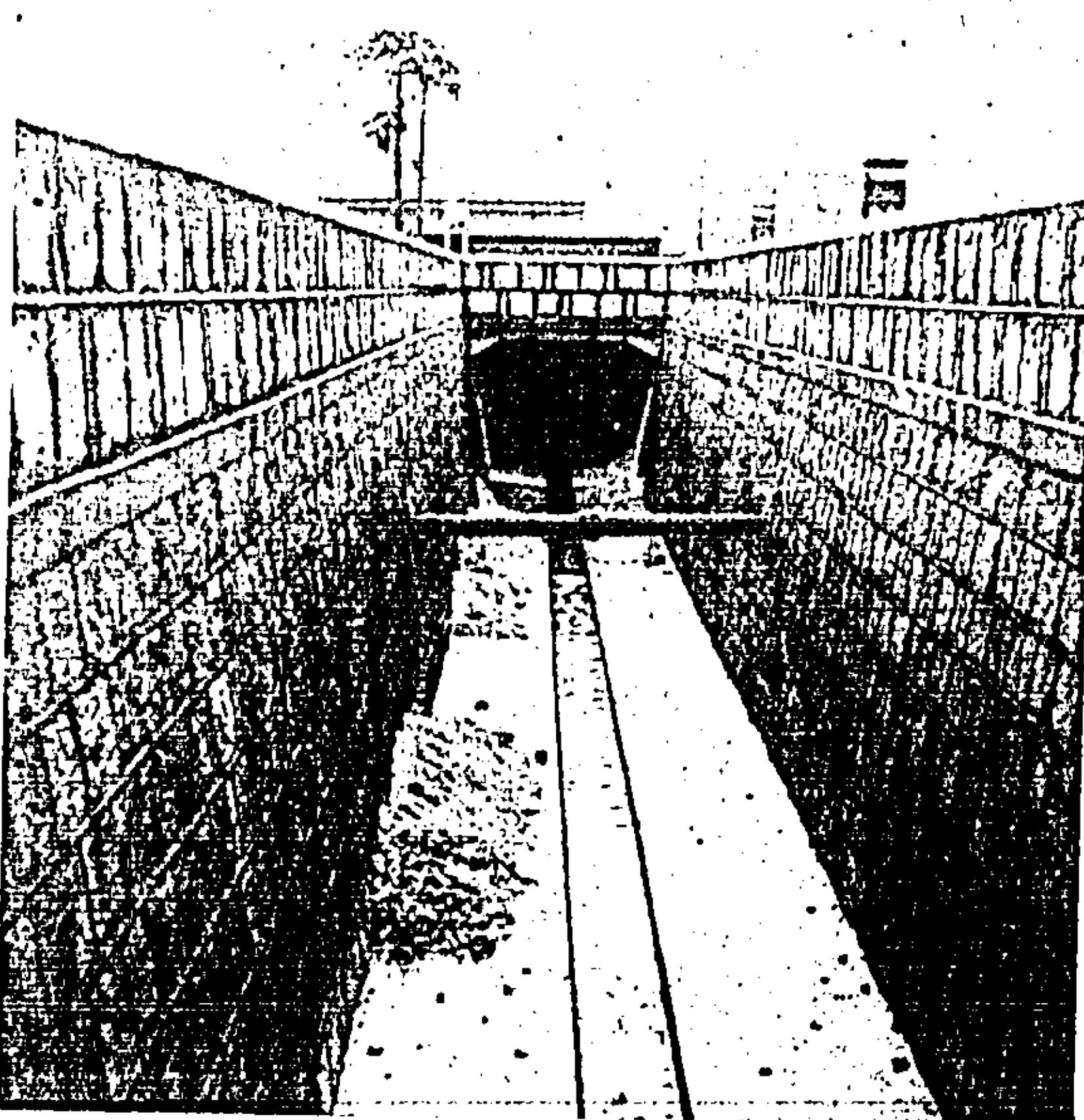
Shortly afterwards the crew of the junk were picked up by H.M.S. Thetis, on piracy patrol.

The British destroyer immediately followed the Japanese trawler, while news of the incident was flashed to the authorities in Hongkong by radio.

The British destroyer quickly caught up with the slower Japanese vessel, and after a short while the Japanese abandoned their tow, which was recovered by the British.

Naval authorities in Hongkong are emphatic that there was no question of compulsion, and that the entire incident was amicable.

The appearance of the British destroyer, it is stated, was sufficient for the Japanese to release their prize.



Internees Gained Freedom In This Nullah

The nullah through which 109 soldier-internees walked to freedom on Friday night. Sung Wong Toi Street crosses the nullah at the point where it becomes enclosed. Two hundred and fifty yards further on is the manhole through which the internees dropped from the Internment Camp. The photograph was taken about 200 yards from the beach. As can be seen, the nullah is practically dry. In the rainy season it becomes a raging torrent.—Staff Photographer.

Italian Attacks On France Intensified

ROME, Jan. 16.

THE "INFORMAZIONE DIPLOMATICA," official organ of the Italian Foreign Office, to-day outlined the conversations between Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini during the Rome parleys.

The organ states that Signor Mussolini warned Mr. Chamberlain that Italy would resume freedom of action if any foreign nation sent troops or assistance to the Loyalists in Spain.

Signor Mussolini told Mr. Chamberlain that the conditions which must be fulfilled before Italy would consent to a withdrawal of volunteers from Spain were the withdrawal first of all volunteers with the Loyalists and the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco.

Mussolini is said to have informed the British Premier that the Spanish question was the main obstacle to a resumption of relations with France and, because of this, it would be impossible for friendly relations to be resumed until the end of the war in Spain.

"This should end all rumours that Italy is asking Great Britain to mediate between Italy and France," the official organ says, commenting on the statement.

In another Rome newspaper, Signor Gayda accuses France of aiding the Loyalists for the past two years, and describes France's action as an organised plot against Spanish freedom.

In Paris, M. Leon Blum, writing in his newspaper "Le Populaire," pleads for the re-opening of the French frontier into Spain. He declares that Italy wants to keep the frontier closed while, at the same time, she is sending troops into Spain.

Mr. Paul Vernon Reveley has been appointed Assistant Wireless Engineer to the General Post Office on January 9.

ARTILLERY DUEL ACROSS YELLOW RIVER

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16. AN ARTILLERY DUEL of major proportions opened to-day on the Yellow River in the southern part of the Shansi province, according to Chinese reports.

The reports claim that the Japanese attempt to cross the river was frustrated.

Chinese irregulars succeeded to-day in derailing and wrecking a train carrying several thousands of Japanese soldiers to Chohsien on the Tatung-Puchow line.

A report from Peiping says that a railway bridge near Changchuan has been dynamited and destroyed by Chinese guerrillas.—Trans-Ocean.

The War In Spain

INSURGENTS CALL ON CATALANS TO LAY DOWN ARMS

BURGOS, JAN. 16.

A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL FRANCO URGES THE CATALANS TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS IN VIEW OF THE INEVITABILITY OF AN INSURGENT VICTORY.

The message was broadcast from insurgent wireless stations.

The message added: "We are marching against Catalonia, not to destroy, but to save her."—Reuter.

Barcelona Defiant

BARCELONA, Jan. 16.

AS GENERAL FRANCO'S bombers roared over Barcelona to-day, several hundred women marched defiantly through the refugee-filled streets of the city, exhorting the population to stand firm.

The women carried banners bearing such slogans as: "Fortify Catalonia," and "Defend Catalonia To The Death."

Five bombers dropped 20 huge bombs on the port area, about half of which fell into the sea, but four struck the working-class section of the city, wounding five people.

Five Loyalist pursuit planes drove the raiders off after a spectacular battle.

Meanwhile, the Loyalist forces, flung back from Tarragona, have occupied previously prepared positions on the low hills barring the main road east towards Vendrell, which is 15 miles further up the coast.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT GAINS BY INSURGENTS

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 16.

In addition to the capture of Gervera, other important progress is reported to have been made by the insurgents on the northern and southern flanks of the Catalan front this afternoon.

In the south, the insurgents already occupy the two roads leading respectively from Tarragona and Valls to Vendrell on the Mediterranean coast, and thence to Villanueva and Villafraanca to Barcelona.

The insurgent vanguard is stated to be close to Vendrell.

In the centre, in the Cervera sector, the Loyalists are reported to be making desperate efforts to retreat on Igualada, which is 25 kilometres east of Cervera. They are threatened with being cut off by the insurgents advancing to the north and south of Cervera.

The insurgents advancing from the south towards the road from Cervera to Igualada have occupied the villages of Chret, Fassenani, Mirre, and Fontrells. Large quantities of war material have been captured at Cervera.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE DENIES REPORTS

Paris, Jan. 16.

Reports in the foreign press that there is a likelihood of France sending regular troops to Catalonia, is characterised at the Quai D'Orsay as "too absurd to merit denial."

It is declared that the French standpoint in the Spanish question is known to all. France is bound by the non-intervention agreement, but in the event of other nations no longer respecting that agreement, France must take into consideration the present critical situation in Spain and to reconsider her stand.

In any case, it was stated, France will undertake no new step without previously informing England.—Trans-Ocean.

LOYALIST ARMY 100 PER CENT. SPANISH

League Committee Ends All Doubts

GENEVA, Jan. 16.

WHEN THE LEAGUE COUNCIL began its public sitting to-day, it had before it a report drawn up by the Committee of Three—France, Britain, and Persia—on the withdrawal of non-Spanish combatants from Loyalist Spain.

The report showed that the total number of such combatants counted in Barcelona and the central zone was 12,673, and that all these effectives were now withdrawn from combatant units.

A total of 9,490 non-Spanish combatants had so far been evacuated. (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

Brutal Attack On Wife Of Royal Scot

Staggering down the hillside to Elgorth Hall, May Road, with her raincoat and skirt torn and bespattered with mud, Mrs. England, wife of General England of the Royal Scots, revealed yesterday afternoon the story of a brutal attack by three Chinese thugs.

The attack occurred at about 1.45 p.m. on Brown Path, between Bowen Road and May Road.

Except for the central figures in the drama, the pathway was entirely empty.

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Hongkong Becomes China Tea Market

Big Trade Built Up With Soviet

AS A RESULT of the hostilities between China and Japan, Hongkong has become the headquarters for China's great tea trade.

Although this position may not be maintained in 1939 due to the Japanese occupation of Canton and Hankow and the consequent disruption of traffic on the railway to the interior, the British Colony established itself firmly in the tea market towards the end of last year.

In this period, imports of tea from China totalled no less than \$10,926,951, which compares with \$3,620,211 in 1937.

Exports of tea from Hongkong totalled \$10,000,014, compared with \$3,620,211 in 1937.

These totals do not include tea in transit through Hongkong or transhipped at this port.

SHIPPED TO VLADIVOSTOK

Nearly all of the tea Hongkong purchased from China last year was sold to Soviet Russia, and was shipped from here to Vladivostok.

The Soviet purchased in Hongkong altogether 10,772,110 lbs. of China tea, valued at over nine million dollars.

In previous years, all of Russia's tea purchases were made directly in China and were received overland by railway or by caravan.

Next to the Soviet, Egypt proved the best customer in 1938 for Hongkong's tea, although it purchased a cheap variety, the two million lbs. purchased here costing only \$102,000.

H.K. AIR-MAIL ASTRAY

London Asked to Solve Mystery

CABLED ENQUIRIES as to the fate of London mail for Hongkong which should have arrived by Imperial Airways yesterday, have not yet produced a solution.

An announcement was made over ZBW yesterday that, contrary to expectations, the mail had not arrived.

It is now learned that the despatch due should have left London on January 7. Mails collected en route at Egypt, Africa, etc., all arrived, as did also some mail from England for the Royal Navy.

It is considered most likely that the answer to the question lies in London since, if the mail was loaded on the plane, it would not have become separated from the other bags.

New Records For British Planes

London, Jan. 16.

The Spitfire aircraft, recently on show at the Paris Aero Exhibition, to-day made a record flight from Le Bourget to Croydon.

The Spitfire flew the 203 miles in 40 minutes.

Its average speed was 300 miles an hour, including the time taken to climb 16,000 feet.—Reuter.

BID TO STOP SAILING OF JAPANESE SHIP

Cargo of Scrap For Arms: Plea To Indian Crew

NEWCASTLE.

ATTEMPT was made here recently to prevent the sailing of a ship to Japan with a cargo of scrap-iron.

The ship, the Wyvern, was recently sold to Norwegian owners by a Newcastle firm. She was then bought by the Japanese Government.

When the steamer entered the Tyne from Liverpool for engine overhaul she carried a Chinese crew, but they left on learning her destination and were replaced by Indians.

Then the China Campaign Council got in touch with the local Council of Action in an effort to stop the ship. As soon as the ship's officers heard of this she was taken out of dry dock and moved to Harton Staithes to take aboard bunker supplies before leaving the river.

APPEAL TO CREW

The China Campaign Council's next move was to approach the Indian League in London, with the result that a telegram signed by Krishna Menon, secretary of the League was sent north. It read:

"Understand Indian seamen being employed to replace Chinese to transport war material to Japan. Indian National Congress has declared boycott on Japan. Newcastle Indian seamen will help Japanese kill Chinese by transporting war materials. Nehru (leader of the Indian Congress) appeals to Indian seamen to remain loyal to country and to Congress by refusing to transport war materials to Japan."

This telegram was received by the Council of Action, and an envoy tried to get it into the hands of the Wyvern's Indian crew.

"SCRAP MEANS MUNITIONS" Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Newcastle representative of the China Campaign Committee, said: "Scrap for Japan can only mean one thing—munitions. In our opinion the Indian crew was not signed on in a constitutional manner, and we have taken legal action on the possibility of

End Of A Two Years Search For A Star

PAULETTE GORDARD, Charlie Chaplin's protégée and often reported to be his wife, is now expected to play Scarlett O'Hara in the film version of "Gone With the Wind," which has sold 2,000,000 copies in two years.

Bette Davis and Katharine Hepburn were strong candidates for the part, but were tied to other studios. Miriam Hopkins and Margaret Sullivan were rumoured to have been chosen, and, in June, Norma Shearer was officially announced as the star, but so great was the outcry of both Shearer fans and Scarlett fans that she changed her mind.

Britain Leads In U.S. Popularity Vote

DESPITE a slight decline in Great Britain's popularity in the U.S. attributed by the American Institute of Public Opinion to the Munich Agreement, Britain is still by far the most popular European country with the average American. A nation-wide

survey by the Institute, just completed, shows that Britain is singled out as "best-liked" by 48 per cent. of the voters. France comes second with 12 per cent.

In a similar poll in 1937, 55 per cent. of the voters chose Britain. Evidence that Britain's popularity has dropped seven per cent. as a result of the Munich Agreement, is that a majority of Americans in another recent poll said they believed the pact had resulted in a greater possibility of war.

"NEUTRAL" STATES FAVOURED Other facts brought out by the present survey are a growing American sympathy for the small "neutral" States of Northern and Western Europe—Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Ireland and the Netherlands—and an increasing distaste for Germany.

The survey, also revealed that Great Britain is especially popular in the South of America and in the New England States, but, as always, less popular in the Middle and Far West.

Stopping the ship because of this. Several Sinhalese members of the dock crew left the ship.

Clay Pipe For Mr. Chamberlain

London.

Mr. Chamberlain is usually depicted with his umbrella just as Lord Baldwin was always depicted with his pipe. Evidently someone wants Mr. Chamberlain to take to a clay pipe since a resident of Forest Gate has sent the Prime Minister an old clay pipe with a likeness of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain on the bowl. The Prime Minister has sent a letter thanking him for "this interesting souvenir which I shall be very glad to keep."



George Burns, of the radio and screen team of Burns and Allen, as he appeared in Federal court in New York, after flying from California, and pleaded guilty to two charges of smuggling jewellery, amounting to \$4,885. With him was named Albert N. Chaperon, self-styled commercial attaché of the Nicaraguan Consul General. The radio star asserted he did not know the jewellery had been smuggled. He gave it to his wife, Grace Allen, his bird-brain partner in comedy.

POLICE INTERRUPT CHELSEA PARTY

EARLY one morning recently police visited a party at the studio of Mrs. Francis Doyle-Jones, widow of noted sculptor, in Manresa-road, Chelsea, S.W., and took the names of many of the guests.

Mrs. Jones, short, red-headed, has given parties at the studio every Friday for the last three years. That night there were about 300 members of the Chelsea art colony present.

The long, low room was filled with writers, painters, sculptors and models when half-a-dozen plain-clothes detectives entered.

They asked everybody to stay where they were while names were taken.

One of the guests said: "We were talking and laughing, and a few couples were dancing to a gramophone, when the police arrived. They took the names of most of us, and then we were allowed to go."

Another guest, a film actress, said: "This is the first time I have been to one of Mrs. Jones's parties and this has to happen." The studio is decorated with many busts modelled by Mrs. Jones's husband.



What the well dressed man should wear when visiting the President of the United States might be exemplified by these two diplomats. Dapper former British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, right, is escorted by Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, for an unofficial visit to the White House in Washington.

MYTH OF THE BRANDED JEWISH BABY REFUGEE

FROM one end of Britain to the other an extraordinary story is being whispered.

It is that a Jewish child refugee from Germany—his age is usually given as seven—has arrived in this country with the swastika sign branded on his back.

There are two versions current of the method of branding. Some whisperers will tell you that it was done with a branding iron, others that it was burned indelibly with acid; but with these variations the story is the same all over the country. It has even been published in a weekly magazine.

After a fortnight of searching investigation it has been decided there is no vestige of truth in it whatever.

DAYS INVESTIGATING

One of leading members of the Jewish community in Britain having heard the story himself, spent several days endeavouring to establish the facts. He made inquiries at all Jewish hospitals, and at all places where the child was reported to be. Finally he confessed himself baffled. He had compiled a list of reputable people who were all reported to have been connected with the case.

Each one contacted could only say that he—or she—had heard of it from some one else. In the end nobody could produce anything more substantial than a rumour.

The Com. Ittee for the Care of Children from Germany, after making great efforts to trace the origin of the story, said:

"We have been swamped by this rumour. There is not the slightest foundation for it."

ALL EXAMINED

"If such a thing had happened we should know, because every child is medically examined before leaving Germany and on arrival here."

An example of how the rumour spread was given when at one

stage of the investigation the name of a woman doctor in Harley-street was quoted as that of the woman who had the child in her care.

"I have already heard the story that I am supposed to have attended the child, and I am astonished," she said.

"When I first heard the rumour about the child I mentioned it at a meeting at a London Jewish hospital, saying what a dreadful thing it was."

"Then I was amazed when the rumour came back to me that I was supposed to have performed a skin-grafting operation on the child's back."

"The whole thing is utterly untrue."

A.R.P. Would Need An Astronomer

Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civilian Defence, thinks astronomers would have to be called in to calculate the cost, if deep underground air raid shelters were to be provided on a big scale.

He said recently at the dinner of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors at the Dorchester.

He was explaining the difficulties in the way of providing such shelters, and began first with the cost.

"I am told," he said, "that a tube in the London clay costs about £200,000 a mile."

"Deep bomb-proof shelters may have a limited application, but they will not furnish a complete solution."

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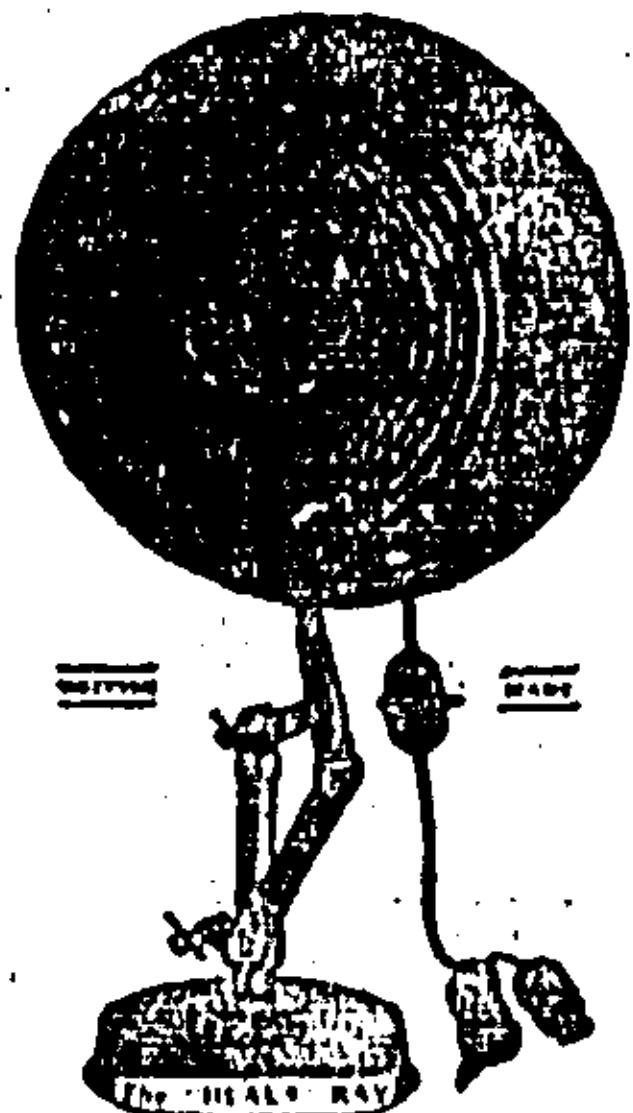
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HOUSEMASTER, AGED 20, IN GAS-MASK RIDDLE

Discovered By Maid

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).

A MAID, entering the bedroom of Mr. Philip Griffiths, twenty-year-old housemaster at the Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead, found him sitting on a chair wearing a gas-mask. Attached to filter was a tube running to a gas-jet. Mr. Griffiths was dead.

The window of the bedroom was wide open.

Mr. Griffiths, son of the principal of the school, the Rev. E. H. Griffiths, had been on the staff since last June.

The tragedy occurred recently and few of the staff and none of the blind inmates had been told it.

One of the masters said: "None of us believes that it could have been anything but an accident. When I said goodnight to him on Monday he was cheery and said 'I will see you to-morrow'."

"He was fond of experimenting, and I think he wanted to see whether the gas-mask was proof against coal-gas."

OFFICIAL WARNING

The gas-mask was the ordinary civilian A.R.P. mask produced at half a crown. Following similar tragedies, official warnings have been issued stating that the mask afford "no protection whatever" against smoke or ordinary coal-gas.

But Mr. Griffiths had made previous experiments. His brother, Mr. E. F. Griffiths, of Epsom, said this evening that Philip told him some time ago of a successful experiment he had made with chloroform.

Mr. Griffiths added: "Philip was with me on Monday night and we spent a happy evening together."

Before Mr. Griffiths joined the staff at Leatherhead he had been studying as a medical student at Bart's Hospital.

Chairman of the North England Steam Shipowners' Association, and a year later he joined the board of Lloyds Bank. Another of his directorships is that of Crumlington Aircraft Limited.



Camoraman at the Conservatives' Christmas party, in Empress Hall, London, caught this interesting view of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, holding hands. The Prime Minister gave an address to the assembled Conservatives, who responded with such an ovation he hardly could leave the hall.

RABBITS BALED OUT

Gallipoli, O.

Armed with a dip net, D. O. Taber, executive secretary of the Ohio Valley Civic Council, has been hunting rabbits at his home near Kanauga. The bunnies, frightened at night by passing automobiles, hop into a large ornamental pool at the Taber home by mistake. Taber fishes them out and lets them go.

Lemon Tree Prolific

Dustin, Okla.

A Hughes county farmer, J. A. Hillard grows Japanese lemons that look like oranges but are little larger than limes. His one Japanese lemon tree has grown from seed brought from Georgia 20 years ago. The tree bears three to five times a year.



Alwine Dollfus, widow of the late Chancellor Engelbert Dollfus of Austria, assassinated in Vienna on July 25, 1934, as she appeared recently in London. She has received an immigration permit to visit the United States, where she hopes to make her permanent home. She and her two children, Eva, 11, and Rudl, 7, have been living in a Welsh village.

Bombing Ships Film Banned

"ENGLAND EXPECTS—," a film protesting against the bombing of British ships carrying food to Government Spain—has been banned by the Film Censor's Office.

It was made with the support of the Committee of British Shipowners Trading to Spain, the National Union of Seamen, and the Officers' (Merchant Navy) Federation.

Exception is taken to comments on the Premier, Hitler and Mussolini. A member of the Progressive Film Institute, which made the film, visited the Censor's office, and was informed that the film could not be passed for public exhibition unless certain modifications were made.

Lord Tyrrell, President of the Board of Film Censor's will see the film himself.

In the film, which was shown to members of Parliament, shipowners and the Press at a London hotel recently, strong comments are made about the weak attitude of the British Government, and Mr. Chamberlain is accused of being the first Premier not to give protection to British ships.

German and Italian pilots are accused of being responsible for the destruction of British ships and the death and wounding of British seamen. Their actions are described as "piracy."

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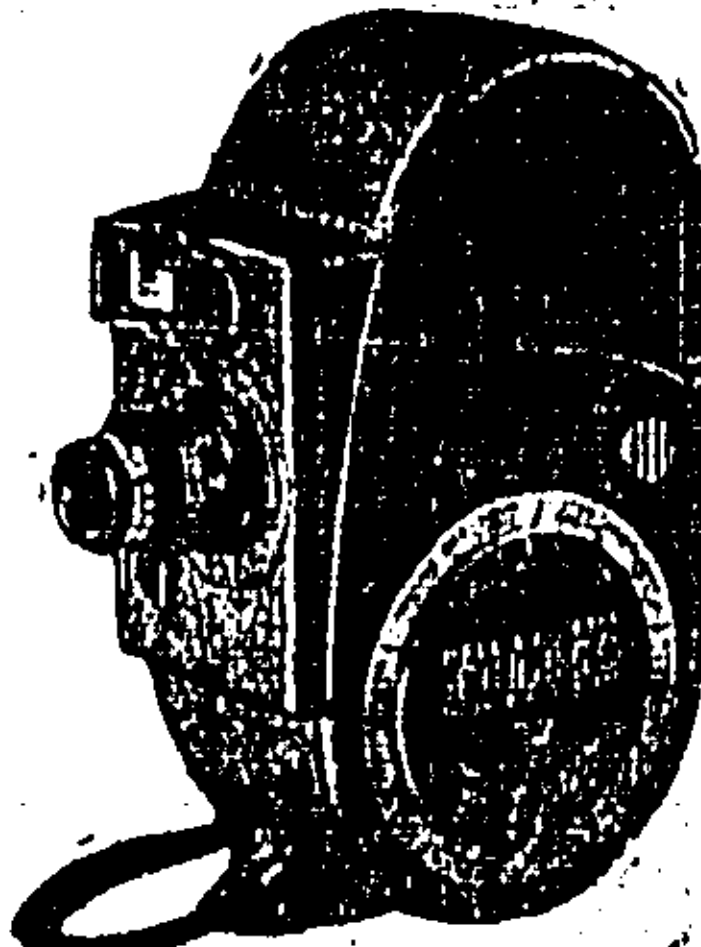
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LOYALIST ARMY 100 PER CENT. SPANISH

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The committee recommended that its terms be prolonged for a period of four months in order to allow for the completion of its duties.

SAFE FROM PERSECUTION

With regard to the procedure of withdrawal, the report says that combatants who are political exiles are to be sent to the countries where they were domiciled when they decided to go to Spain as volunteers in the Loyalist army, but all who might object to persecution if they returned to their own countries, shall be entitled to be sent to some other country where they can be sure of being safe from persecution.

M. Georges Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, in the course of a speech to-day, said that in a few weeks the committee would probably be in a position to report that all foreign volunteers had been evacuated from Loyalist Spain.

This, he declared, must be followed by the total evacuation of foreign combatants from the Burgos zone in order to free Europe from the risk of an international conflict.

Viscount Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, supported the recommendations of the committee, and reiterated the British Government's conviction that all foreign intervention in Spain should cease.

M. Souritz, representing Soviet Russia, said that the report ended all attempts to cast doubt on the national character of the Loyalist forces, and M. Delvaux said that the truth that the Loyalist army was 100 per cent. Spanish would remain clear as a result of the meeting.—*Reuter*.

ITALIAN ATTACKS ON FRANCE INTENSIFIED

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time, she is pouring troops into insurgent Spain.

M. Blum saw the French Premier, M. Daladier, to-day, and is understood to have discussed the situation with him.

ANTI-FRENCH PRESS

A violently anti-French tone again pervades the Italian press to-day.

Signor Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" accuses the French of provocation, and says that the things to come to a point between France and Italy were not only the dispute about the treaties involved, but the question of Italian national honour.

The French obstinately insists upon insulting Italy by hostile manifestations, although they had been warned what may be the consequences.—*Reuter*.

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Old Age Pensions In United States

Washington, Jan. 16. A special message to Congress from President Roosevelt recommends a wide expansion of the Social Security Act.

It advises commencement of payment of old age pensions at an earlier date, as well as liberalisation of pensions, greater protection for dependent children, the extension of unemployment and old age protection, and increases in Federal grants to States.—*Reuter*.

British Pro-Consul For Trial

London, Jan. 16.

The reasons which led to the arrest of the British pro-Consul in San Sebastian, Mr. Golding, and his wife, have, according to informed quarters here, been communicated by the Burgos authorities to the British representative, Mr. Cecil Jerram, but no communication regarding their nature has been made.

It is stated that the trial of Mr. and Mrs. Golding will take place shortly, and will be held in public.

A third person, Senora Largaide, who was employed in the Goldings' office, will be charged at the same time.

It is added that the British Government has taken the necessary steps for counsel to be instructed for the defence.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Former Ambassador On Hit-Run Charge

Hanover, Virginia, Jan. 16.

Mr. William Dodd, former United States Ambassador to Berlin, has been indicted on a charge of hit-and-run driving.

The charge arises from an accident in which a four-year-old negro girl was knocked down and badly injured.

When informed of the accident, Mr. Dodd said that the girl ran across the road; he averted, and he thought he had missed her.

The hearing is fixed for March 2.—*Reuter*.

Scotland Yard On Explosion Mysteries

London, Jan. 16.

Scotland Yard is investigating three mysterious street explosions, one in London and two in Manchester, which have resulted in the deaths of two people and serious injury to three others.

One was killed and one injured when an explosion in London ripped up hundreds of yards of pavement.

One was killed and two injured in two similar explosions in Manchester.

New Translation Of Bible For Catholics

London, Jan. 16.

A new English translation of the Holy Bible for Roman Catholics is to begin shortly.

Father Ronald Knox, who is undertaking the work, is resigning his Catholic Chaplaincy at Oxford in order to devote full time to the task.

The translation will be made from a fourth century Latin version of the Bible.

BUSH FIRES SUBDUED

Victoria Recovers from Black Week

MELBOURNE, Jan. 17.

ALTHOUGH THE State Meteorologist predicted a continuation of the drought, there was a totally unexpected fall of rain throughout Victoria to-day.

The rain blanketed the bush fire areas, effectively dampening the holocaust after thousands of firefighters had impotently struggled against the flames for nearly a fortnight.

Temperature, which reached all-time records in three States last week, dropped appreciably. The rain saved at least one town which faced certain destruction. This was Branbla, in Victoria, which was surrounded by a wall of flame and had been abandoned as doomed.

Although all the fires are not out, they have been checked and it is not considered likely that they will recur.

Blackest Week in History

They have given Victoria its blackest week in history. Sixty-six people have died, and damage is estimated at £3,000,000 sterling. Thousands of sheep and other livestock were incinerated in the all-devouring flames, which destroyed scores of homes. Two thousand people are homeless and are being cared for in military barracks and tents near Melbourne.

A relief fund of £200,000 has been opened. The public has already contributed £20,000 and Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Prime Minister, has announced that a special Federal grant will be made.

Rio-Washington Axis Planned

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 16.

The establishment of a "Rio-Washington Axis" against extra-territorial influences is to be discussed when Sen. Aranha, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, goes to Washington next week at the invitation of President Roosevelt. It was stated unofficially here to-day.

Commercial problems interesting to both countries will also be discussed.—*Reuter*.

French Demarche To Japan

Paris, Jan. 16.

The French Government is shortly making a demarche to Japan, asking for information on the recent declaration of Japanese citizenship concerning Japan's policy in China, and the application of the Nine-Power Treaty.

Similar demarches have been made by Britain and the United States.—*Reuter*.

Severe Gales Lash United Kingdom

London, Jan. 16.

The United Kingdom suffered severely from heavy gales during the week-end.

In London yesterday, the temperature at 9 a.m. was 52, which is eight degrees above normal.

Shipping received a heavy battering, especially in the Irish Sea. Roads are flooded in many areas, especially in Yorkshire.

SPECIAL DUTY ON EGG IMPORTS REVOKED

London, Jan. 16.

An order issued on the recommendation of the Import Duties Advisory Committee revokes the specific duties which are charged under the Finance Act of 1938 in substitution for a general ad valorem duty on eggs, not in their shell.

Accordingly these goods are again liable from January 18, to a general ad valorem duty of 10 per cent.—*Reuter*.

LONDON EXPLOSION

Electric Cable Fuses Near Gas Main

London, Jan. 16.

In one of the most serious explosions in London for many years, a man was killed and another injured to-day.

The cause is believed to be the fusing of an electric cable alongside a gas main. The blast tore a hole in the pavement seven feet square and flames went 10 feet high.

Scores of people were shaken from their beds, thousands of panes of glass shattered, and considerable damage done over a wide area, buildings over a mile away being rocked.

One man was killed and two injured in a similar explosion in Stevenson Square, Manchester.—*United Press*.

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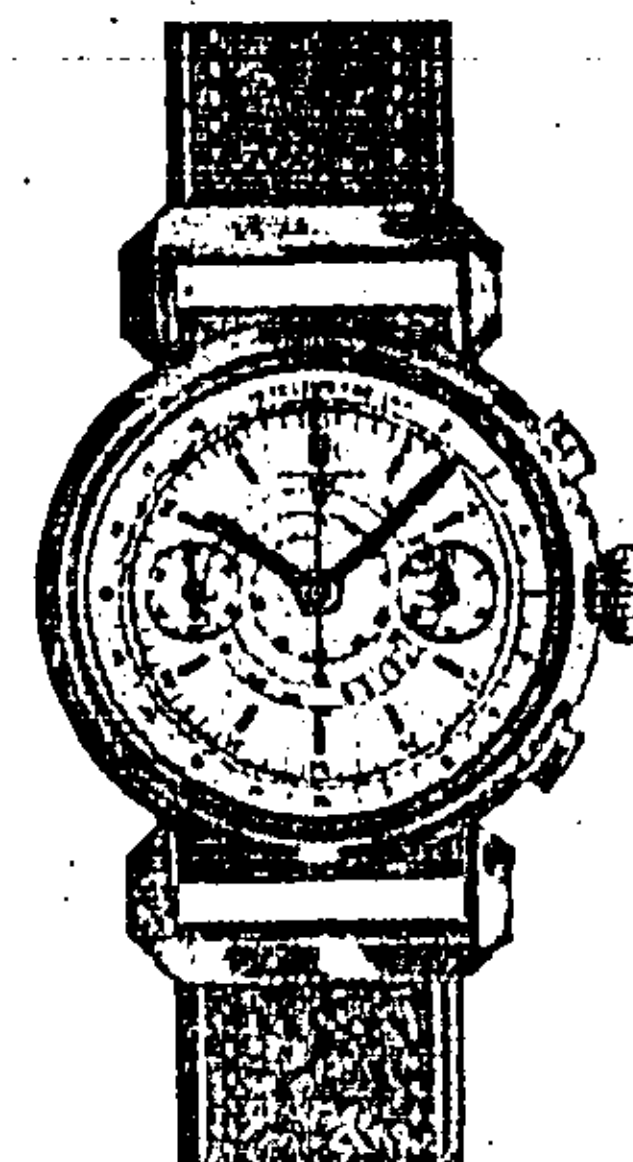
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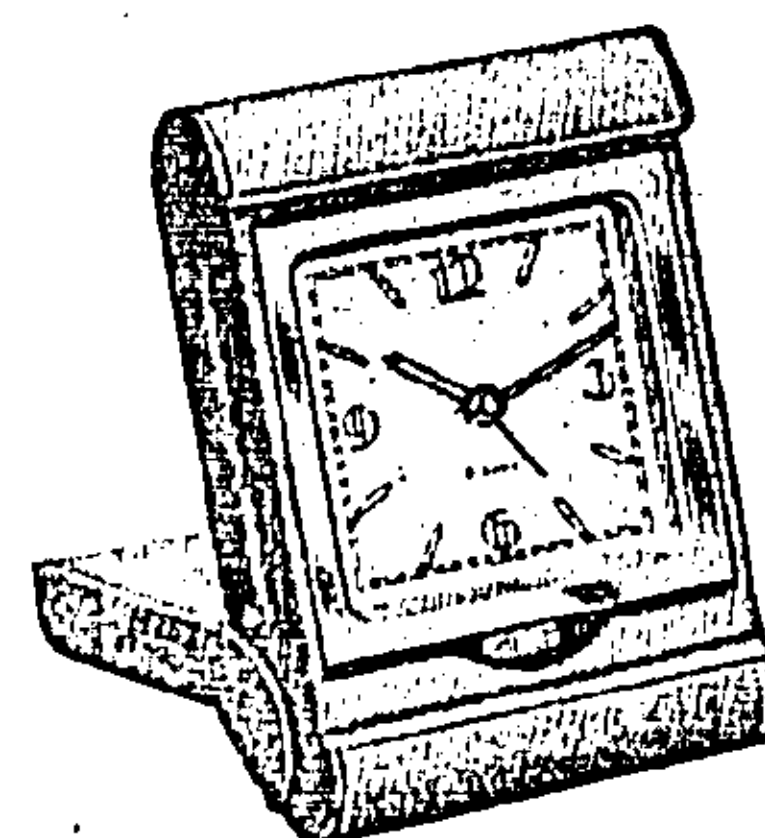
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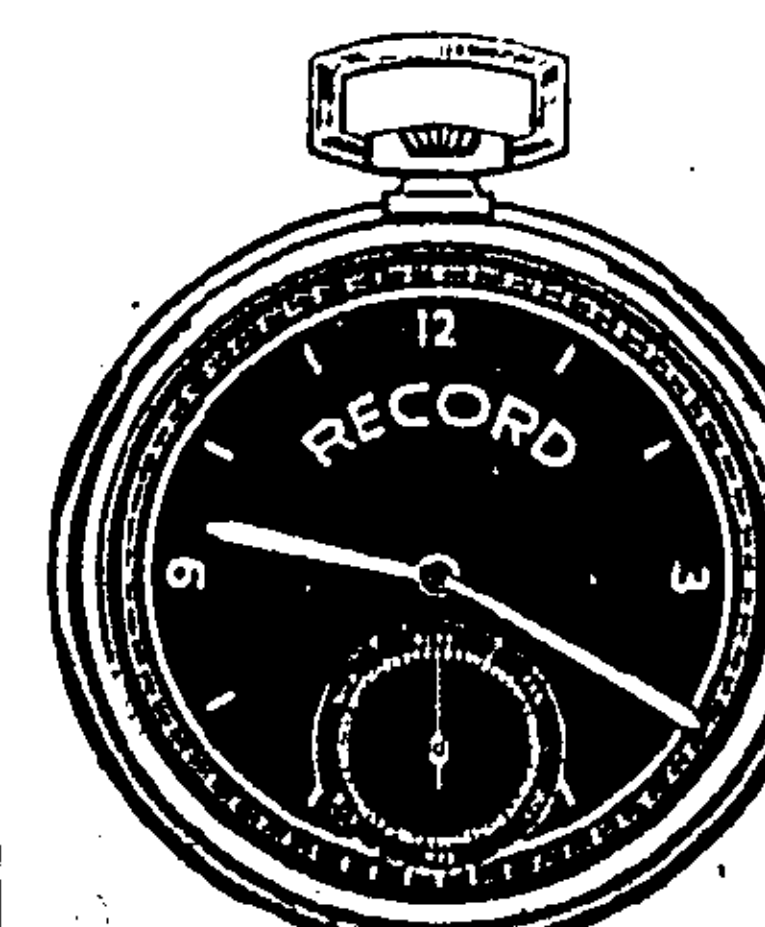
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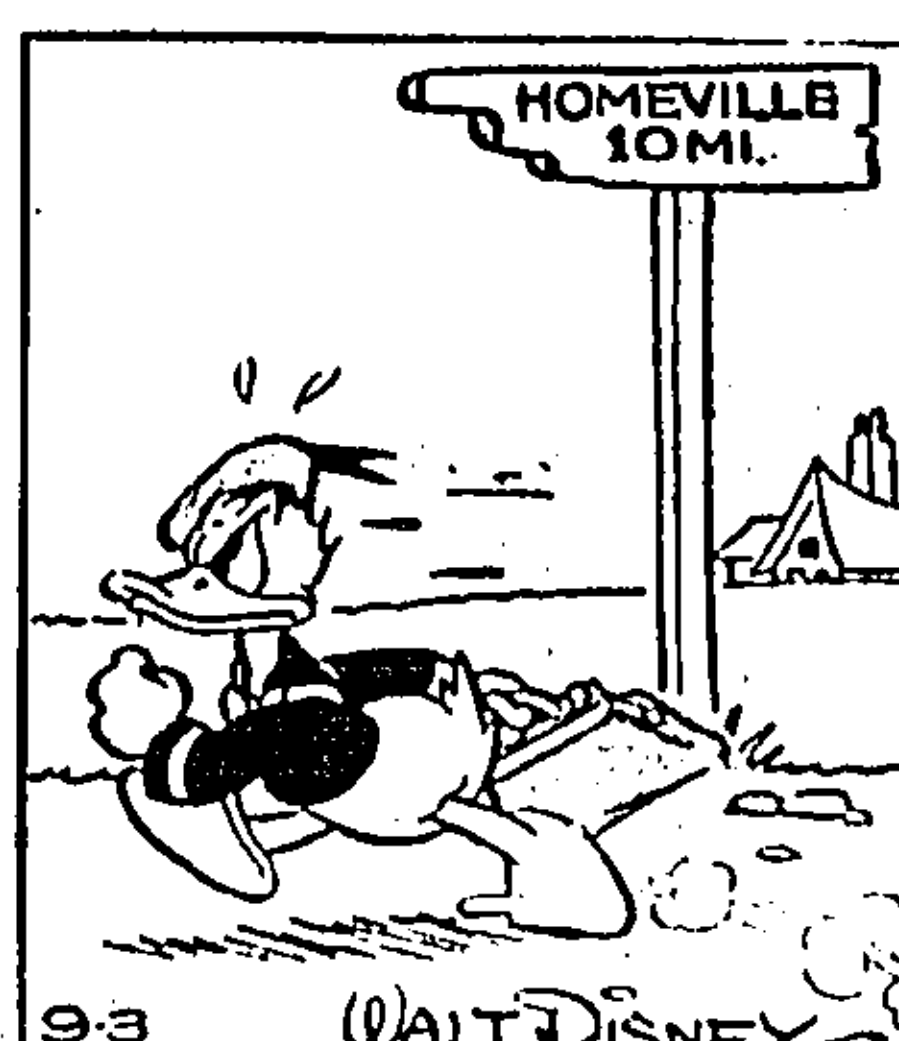
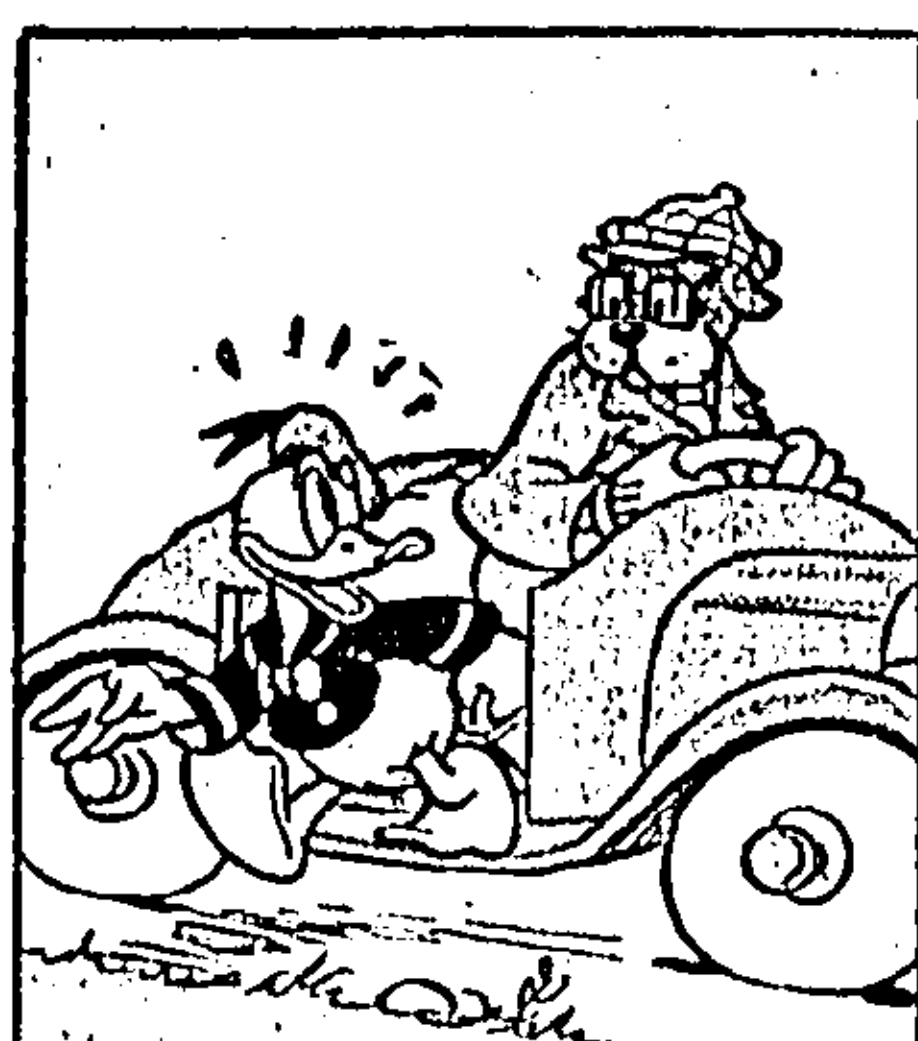
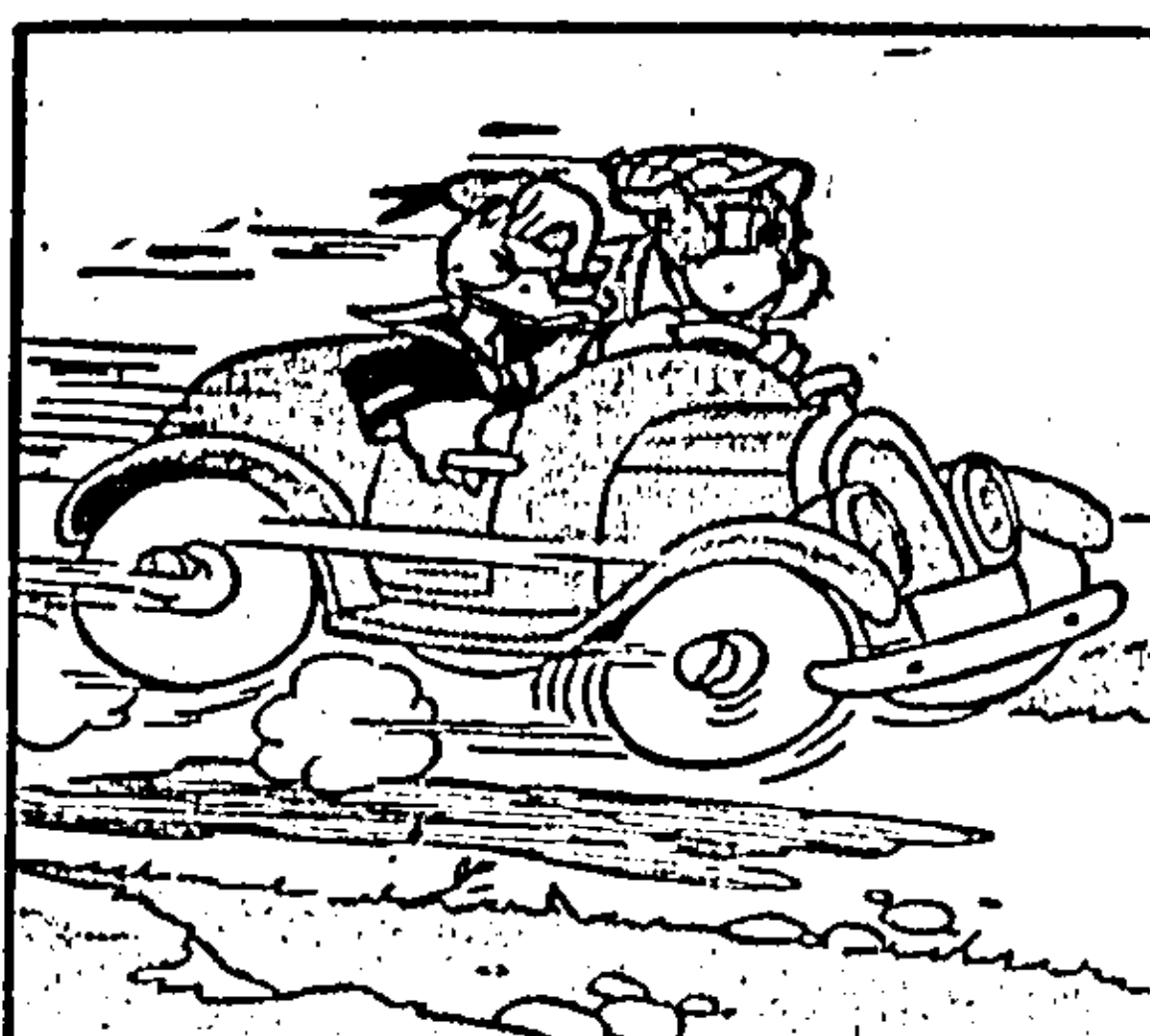
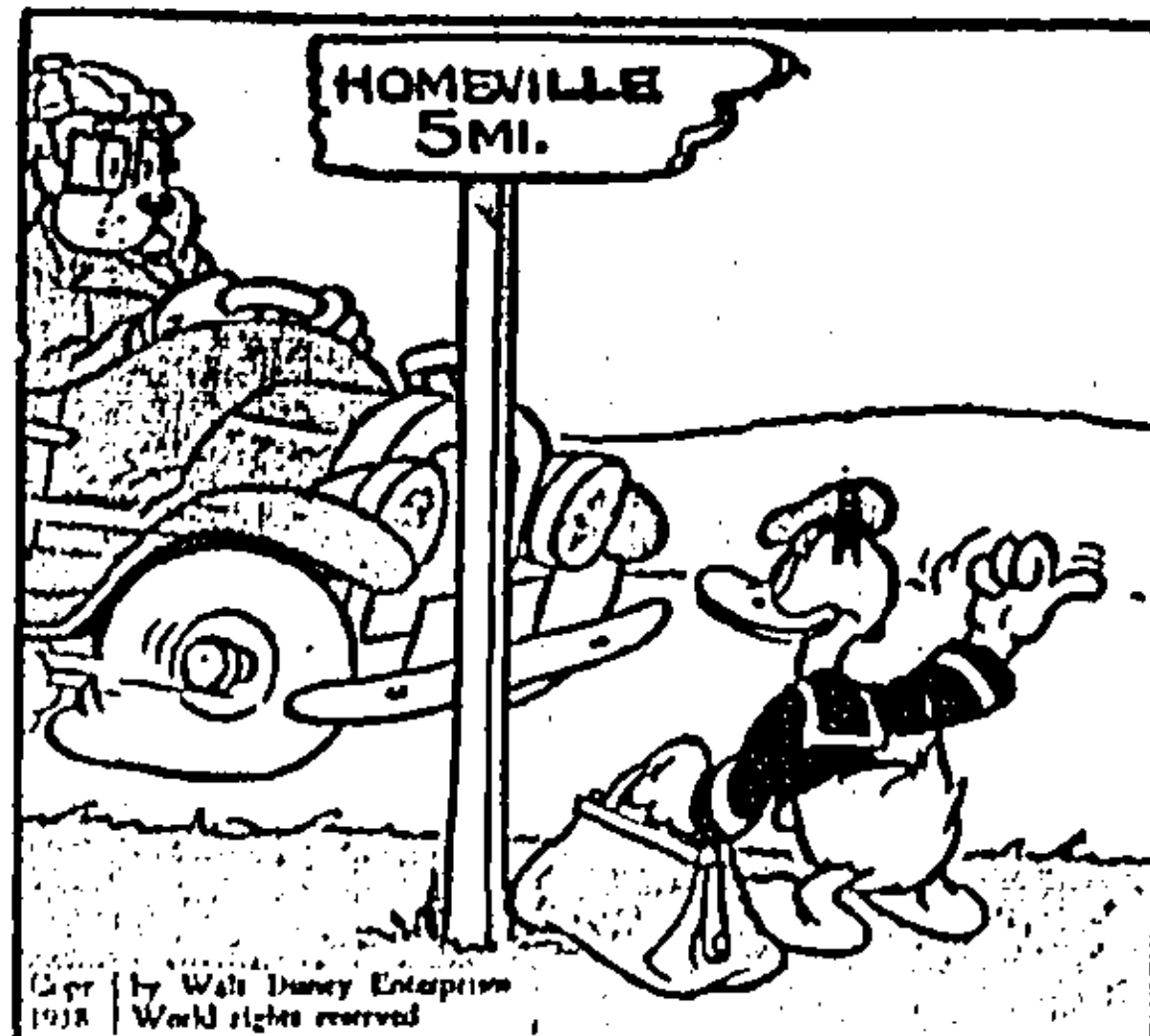
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Straits, Manila and London Parcels (London date, 8th December, 1938.)	Deucalion	January 17.
Shanghai	Glenshiel	January 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	January 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingsyuan	January 17.
Haiphong	Canton	January 18.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	January 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 7th and 11th January	Imperial Airways Plane	January 18.
Straits and Hollow	Mulnam	January 18.
Shanghai	Regensburg	January 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	January 18.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	January 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th December).	Pres. Harrison	January 19.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 22nd December and London date, 15th December 1938.	Ranchi	January 19.
Straits	Soudan	January 19.
Calcutta	Tegelberg	January 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	January 20.
Shanghai	Antiochus	January 21.
Salon	Laos	January 21.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th January	Pan American Airways Plane	January 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th December 1938).	Pres. Pierce	January 21.
Japan	Victoria	January 21.
Salon	Felix Roussel	January 22.
Java and Manila	Tjinegra	January 23.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Hollow and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Tues. Jan. 17, Noon.
Swatow	Hai Hong	Tues. Jan. 17, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues. Jan. 17, 2 p.m.
Foochow	Nanning	Tues. Jan. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Chuanchow and Amoy	Taiyuan	Tues. Jan. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Tientsin	Wosang	Tues. Jan. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Mui Hock	Tues. Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
Wednesday		
Swatow	Chikiang	Wed. Jan. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Gertrude Mueck	Wed. Jan. 18, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Chikiang	Wed. Jan. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Anhui	Wed. Jan. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai	Deucalion	Thurs. Jan. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kiungchow	Thurs. Jan. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Japan (Parcels only)	Hosang	Thurs. Jan. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Sagres	Thurs. Jan. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Hangsang	Thurs. Jan. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 26th January	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs. Jan. 19.
Friday		
Swatow	K.P.O.	Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Manila	Ord.	Jan. 19, 5.30 p.m.
Swatow	G.P.O.	Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Manila	Ord.	Jan. 19, 7 p.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Thurs. Jan. 19, 7 p.m.
Saturday		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Sat. Jan. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 31st January	K.L.M. Airways	Sat. Jan. 21.
Papers for Straits and (Parcels and Kumpang Papers for Calcutta)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Jan. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Esang	Sat. Jan. 21, 1 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Liangchow	Sat. Jan. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, 11th February	Anhui	Sat. Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 28th Jan.	Pan American Airways Plane	Sat. Jan. 21.
Sunday		
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Yochow	Sun. Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Hollow	Mulnam	Sun. Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 30th January	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon. Jan. 23.
Tuesday		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. and (Parcels and Papers for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 11th February.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Tues. Jan. 24.

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Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra. My Heart Is Taking Lessons (Film "Doctor Rhythm"); On The Sentimental Side (Film "Doctor Rhythm"). Gerald & His Orch. 1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Billy Mayerl at the Piano. Sweet Nothings (Rettenberg); Jasmine (A Syncopated Impression—Mayerl). Phil The Fluter's Ball (French-arr. Mayerl); Parade Of The Sandwich-Board Men (Mayerl).

1.15 Reuter and Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music. Rumbas—Maria, My Own; Green Eyes. Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—My Secret Love Affair (Film "Love-ly to Look At"). Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel; Speaker: Rotarian L. W. Aups, Subject: "Success".

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Gone with the Wind; (b) Satan takes a Holiday; (c) A Serenade to the Stars; (d) Boston Tea Party.

6.14 Record: Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider (Leonard); Sonny Boy (Brown-Henderson). Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.

6.21 (a) Picture me without you; (b) On Moonlight Ray; (c) Never in a million years (d) Vieni Vieni.

6.35 Records; Dance Of The Paper Dolls (Schuster and Siras); The Squirrel Dance (Smith). Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano and Accordion. Billy Mayerl's Own Selection. Billy Mayerl (Piano).

6.44 (a) After you're Gone; (b) Jingle Bells; (c) Malahini Mole; (d) Bugle Call Rag.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.02 Gilbert and Sullivan Selections. "The Yeomen Of The Guard"; A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid.

Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson and Nellie Brierecliffe with Orch. When A Wooper Goes A-Wooling; Winifred Lawson, Nellie Brierecliffe, D. Oldham and G. Baker; Rapture! Rapture! D. Gill and P. Dawson with Orchestra. "The Pirates Of Penzance"; "His Mabel".

Wandring One. Elsie Griffin And Chorus of Girls with Orchestra. What Ought We To Do, Gentle Sisters, Say? Nellie Brierecliffe and Nellie Walker; How Beautifully Blue The Sky. Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls. "The Mikado"; The Sun, Whose Rays Are All Ablaze.

Elsie Griffin (Soprano); Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day. E. Griffin, D. Hemingway, D. Oldham and G. Baker.

7.27 Variety Programme including

Billy Bennett, Elsie Carlisle, Ralph Silvester and Jay Wilbur's Band. Saddle Your Blues To A Wild Mustang—Fox-Trot; Poor Little Angeline—Fox-Trot. Jay Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Refrain. Out-Side An Old Stage Door; Su Many Memories. Ralph Silvester (Vocal) with Fred Hartley and His Sextet. Elsie Carlisle Medley. Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orch.; Melodies Of The Month, No. 9. Jay Wilbur (Piano) with Rhythm Accompaniment; Please let me sleep on Your Doorstep. To-Night (Lion). Billy Bennett and His Kerstone Kwartet with Banjo and Piano; "Hello Blackpool"—Medley. Jay Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Chorus.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Geo. Pio-Ulski's String Orchestra.

1. Galitza (De Maurizi); 2. Schel-den und Melden—Waltz (Fetras); In-terval; A Bowl Of Punch (Mortimer and Murray); Song Of The Buceanacer (Mortimer and Leonard). Stuart Robertson (Bass—Baritone) with Or-chestra; 3. Andante (Fresco); 4. In A Russian Village (arr. Pio-Ulski); 5. Interval; 6. Cananda (Albeniz) and Cuenco; 7. Danza 5 (Grandos and Lorente); 8. Conchita Supervia Mezzo-Soprano with F. Marshall at the Piano; 9. Rapsodie Andalous (Ross); 6. Dan Romania (De Maurizi).

9.0 A Ballad Recital by Nan Maryska (Soprano), Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Keith Falkner (Baritone).

Without The Moon (Film "Mayfair Melody"); San Diego Betty (Film "Mayfair Melody"). Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Orchestra; Tres Jolie (Jeffries); Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra; My Lovely Gola (Manny arr. Lane Wilson); The Lass With The Delicate Air (Michael Arne). Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton; Merrie England—Dances (German). Or-estre Raymonde cond. by G. Walker; Kathleen Mavourneen (Julia Crawford—Crouch); Killarney (Falconer-Balf). Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Harold Ramsay at the Organ. Famous Marches Medley; Popular Melodies.

10.0 London Relay—This Racing Business.

3.—The Thoroughbred; A talk by J. B. Robertson, m.c.c.

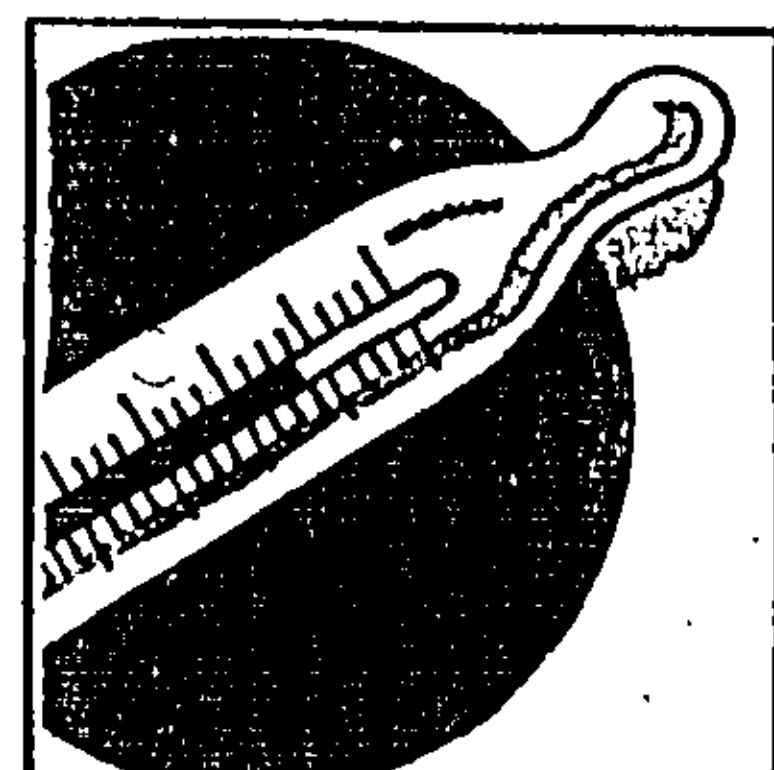
10.15 Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Procession Of The Sirdar (from Caucasian Sketches); Symphonic Fox-Trot—Samun... Sydney Kyte and His Band; Tango Argentin—A Farewell Letter... Heinz Huppertz and His Orch.; Fox-Trot—Music, Maestro, Please (Film "These Foolish Things; Waltz—The Sweetest Song In The World (Film "We're going to be rich").

Henry Jacques and His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra; Quick-Steps—There Goes My Affection; I'm Gonna Lock My Heart... Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Tango-Clasico; Llorar Y Reir... Juan Lossus and His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Minuet For A Modern Miss; Plastered In Paris... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood; Fox-Trots—One O'clock Jump; Lullaby In Rhythm... Eddie Carroll and His Swingphone Orchestra; Quickstep—Slow Alone (from "Paprika"); Slow Fox-Trot—Moggyar Melody (from "Paprika") Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch.

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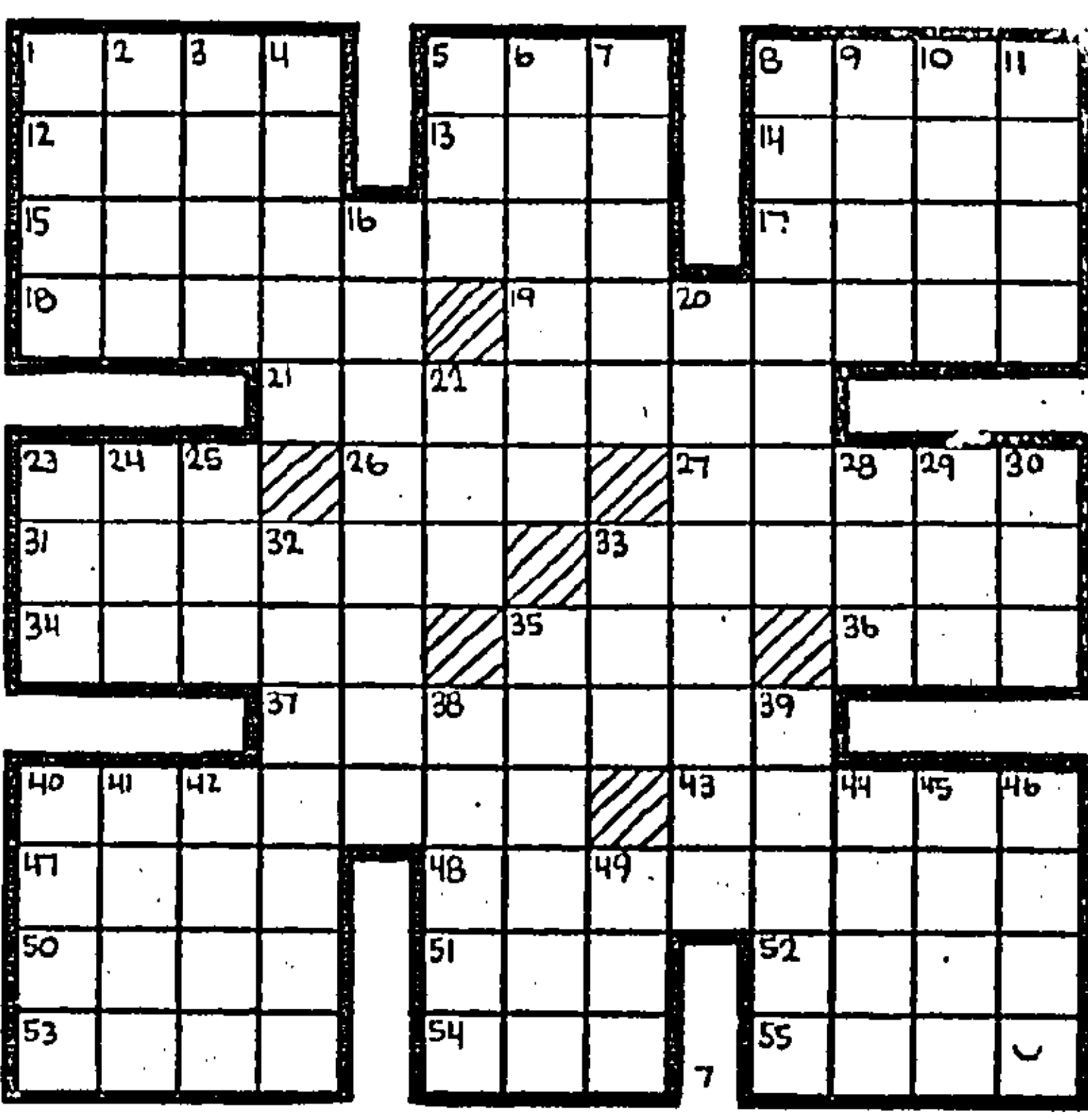
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—State as proposition
2—Perform
3—Permit to be seen
4—On same level
5—Hibiscus name
6—Compensation for labor
7—More immature
8—Otherwise
9—Do in
10—Enlarged in all directions
11—Device for drawing off liquid
12—Work as
13—Quick to learn
14—Bright star
15—Dim
16—Light, clear red
17—Standard
18—Drinking-counter
19—Fondle
20—Voice rising
21—One who tests
22—Browned bread
23—Cause bell to sound
24—One who obtains release of captive for price
25—Genus of plants
26—Union of printers (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN
1—Peter
2—Larkin chamber
3—Dispatched
4—Terminated
5—Common sea
6—Accepted as true
7—North Italian
8—One who cuts with a sword
9—Guard on handle of sword
10—Cattle tongue
11—Undesirable plant
12—Order of knight
13—Half-grown bars
14—Mistle slavishly
15—Donkey
16—Reputation tool
17—Receding
18—Mile
19—Mile
20—Place
21—Mile
22—Able to
23—Round
24—Weird
25—Chambers
26—Direct wanderer
27—Turn into snail
28—Frozen water
29—Make an end of, as discussion
30—Blender apine
31—Kitchen for catching animals
32—Dweller in convent



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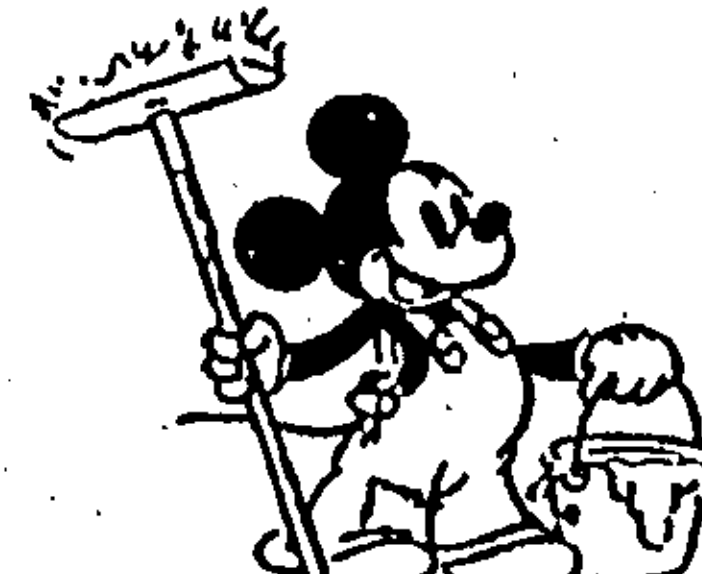
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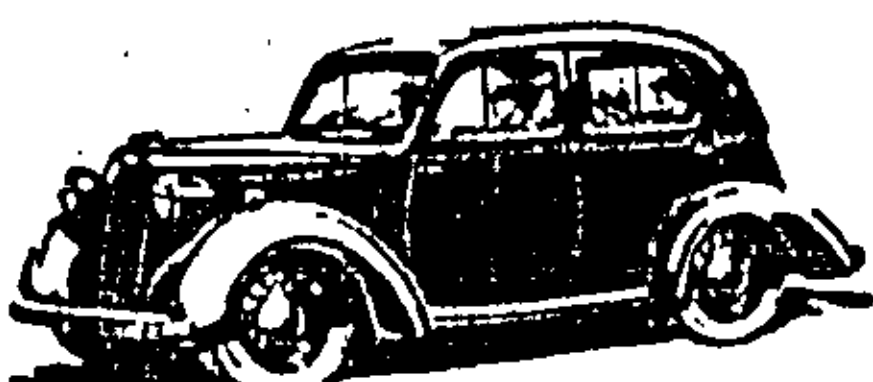
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The British Note

THE TONE of the British Note to Tokyo can leave no doubt but that Japan's relations with third Powers are rapidly approaching a climax.

For eighteen months, the Japanese militarists in China have ridden rough-shod over the rights of subjects of friendly States, and their violation of the tenets of the Nine Power Pact to which their Government pledged its word has been so complete that the Treaty, to-day may be considered non-existent.

It is interesting to note the four pledges Japan made with reference to China in that Treaty.

She agreed, firstly, to respect the sovereignty, the independence and the territorial and administrative integrity of China. She has violated this clause.

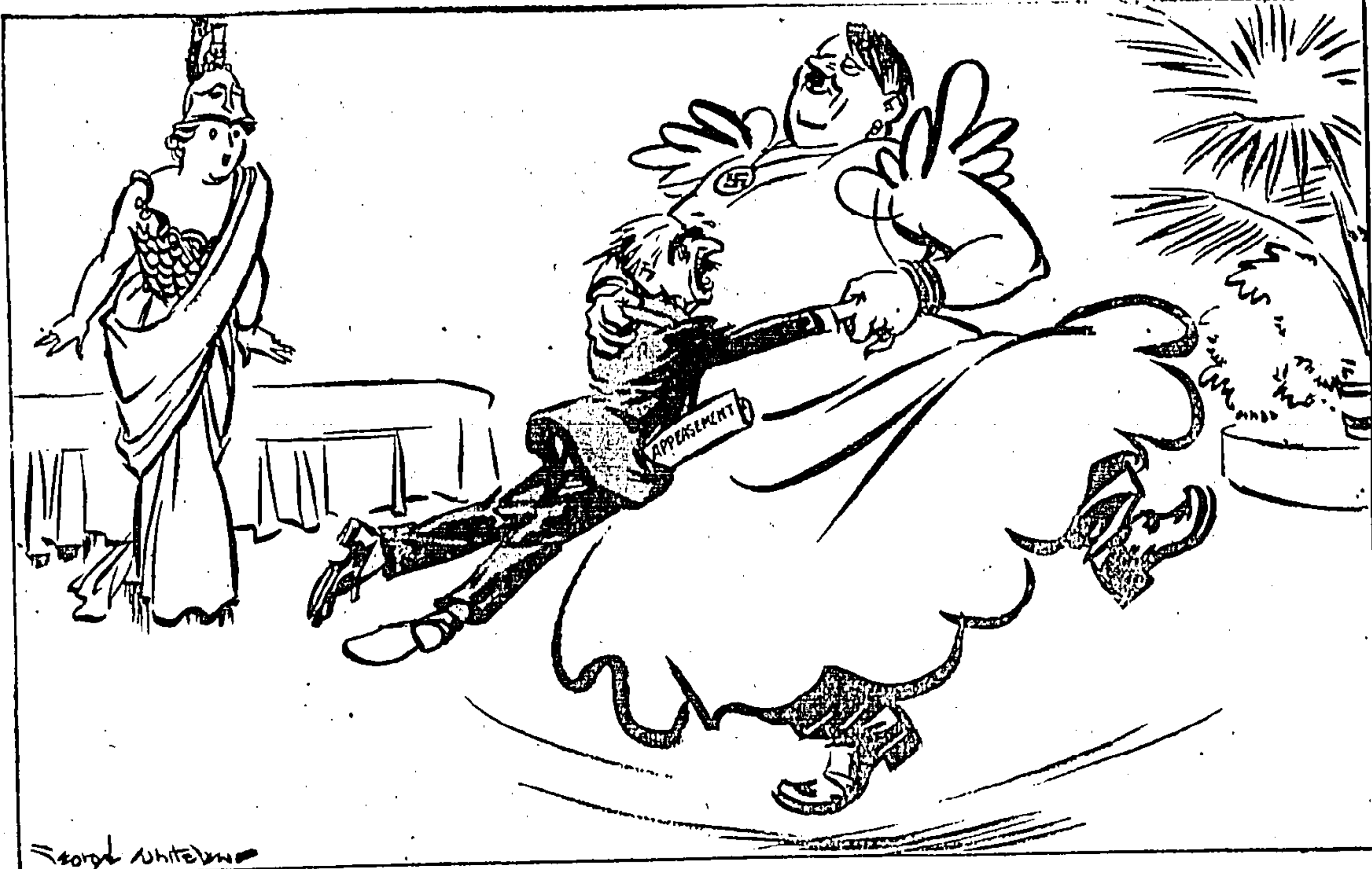
She agreed to provide the fullest and most unembarrassed opportunity to China to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable government. She has violated this clause.

She agreed to use, in conjunction with the other signatory Powers, her influence for the purpose of effectually establishing and maintaining the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations throughout the territory of China. The violation of this clause has drawn forth the British and American Notes of Protest.

She agreed to refrain from taking advantage of conditions in order to seek special rights or privileges which would abridge the rights of subjects or citizens of friendly States, and from countenancing action inimical to the security of such States. She has violated this clause.

The British Note allows no equivocation, and is probably the sternest protest Great Britain has despatched to a foreign Power in many years. It brings Great Britain into line with another great Democracy—the United States, which despatched a similarly worded note to Japan just before the end of the year.

If the two great countries on either side of the Atlantic continue to move in step in this fashion within reference to Japan, the issue of Third Power rights in China will not long be left in doubt.



DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH

Sir Samuel Hoare's big day

by STUART FLETCHER

RATHER more than a hundred years ago a gentleman named Samuel Hoare, ancestor of the Home Secretary, whose proposals for penal reform in England were reported recently, was urging upon prison governors of his time the widespread introduction of the treadmill into our jails.

As Chairman of the Prison Discipline Society, Samuel Hoare was in a position to talk with some authority of its "conspicuous advantages with regard to the moral benefits resulting to the prisoner."

The use of the treadmill had been first suggested in the Penitentiary Act of 1779, which directed prison governors to keep their charges at "labour of the hardest and most servile kind in which drudgery is chiefly required, and where the work is little liable to be spoiled by ignorance, neglect and obstinacy."

ONLY a few years before this prisons were dens of such utter frightfulness that a detailed description of them is impossible in a reputable newspaper.

They were run as private profit-making concerns. Their keepers made money out of the inmates by starving them, torturing them, or exacting bribes; by harshly exploiting their labour and, when they were women, forcibly selling their virtue to outside visitors as well as to those inmates who could afford to pay the procurer's price. Innocent unfortunates were

hurled into the midst of the most depraved characters, sanitation was just a word of ten letters with no further significance, and five thousand prisoners died every year from jail fever, a form of typhus peculiar to English prisons.

It was by no means a rare occurrence when, in 1750, a Lord Mayor, two judges, and several jurymen and officers of the court died from jail fever caught from the prisoners at the Old Bailey.

PRISONS at this time, of course, had nothing to do with punishment. They were merely hovels, dens, and dungeons where gully, innocent, and witnesses alike awaited trial.

Punishment for all but the most trifling offences unconnected with property consisted of either transportation by way of the scaffold to another world or transportation by way of the Atlantic to the New World.

About a thousand convicts were transported every year to Britain's American territory. One result of America's successful War of Independence was that 200 offences previously punishable by transportation became capital offences.

The rest of the transportees were accommodated on hulks, converted vessels in the Thames or at Portsmouth, where the conditions were as horrible as those in the jails on shore.

The first agitation for reform

was made by John Howard, an austere Evangelical, who quite fortuitously became Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 1773, and, instead of regarding his ceremonial duties as his predecessors had done as a harmless charade, took them so earnestly that before long he had become a self-appointed prison investigator.

He spent the remaining sixteen years of his life braving the typhus-haunted horrors of British jails and exposing the scandals he found there.

His hair-raising evidence in Parliament resulted in the Penitentiary Bill of 1779, which in its turn finally produced the three-quarters-of-a-million pound Millbank Prison on the site now occupied by the Tate Gallery, and the numerous other "model" prisons that followed it.

INCIDENTALLY, some of the urgent need for prisons to accommodate lawbreakers passed with Captain Cook's discovery of a new transportation dump in Australia. Between 1787 and 1867 150,000 men and women were sent out as convicts to Australia.

One of Howard's enthusiasms, the result of his shock at the Hogarthian horrors of 18th century jails, was for solitude in which the criminal could become morally regenerated by isolation from corrupt influences and by meditation upon higher things. Designed on this principle the new jails of

the early 19th century confined the prisoner as far as possible to his cell, or (carefully "depersonalised" by a mask—these masks were retained as part of prison uniform until the end of the 19th century) to the treadmill shed and the chapel.

WITHIN the prisons the result was widespread suicide and insanity. Outside, meanwhile, the Industrial Revolution, the Corn Laws and the Chartist agitations produced a fifty per cent. increase in the number of criminal offences. The State's answer to poverty was the prison.

While solitary confinement was being elaborated in some jails, a "silence" system was being worked out at others. According to this theory prisoners could work, eat, exercise, even sleep in the same rooms, but they must never talk to one another.

Conditions varied from one prison to another. All were bad in some degree, and the slightest leakage to the outside world of humanitarian treatment of prisoners called forth angry protests.

For example, "I would banish," wrote the Liberal Sydney Smith, "all the looms of Foston Jail and substitute nothing but the treadmill or the capstan, or some species of labour where the labourer could not see the results of his toil, where it is as monotonous, irksome, and dull as possible."

With such sadism to confront, it took the reformers, a long procession of men and women with Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, the Quaker, as their inspiring example, very many years of protests before Parliament in 1837 centralised the control and conduct of the nation's prisons, and in 1844 swept away the solitary system as a general principle and substituted useful industries, such as millinery making, for the foolish torture of the crank and the treadmill.

SINCE then many of the more blatant anomalies of prison life have been removed. Voluntary workers are welcomed instead of being regarded as, to quote a former chairman of the Prison Commission, "a source of difficulty." Labour conditions, food, and health services have improved. Solitary confinement has been abolished except as a punishment.

But whoever, after reading the dreadful contents of the Webb's "English Prisons under Local Government," should feel that those bad old days are gone, should also read the Observer's book, "The Lawbreaker," and better still, "The Truth About English Prisons," by a distinguished ex-prisoner, Mark Bonney, in order to offset complacency.

We are to some extent and by comparison with certain other countries a free people. But those of us who are Socialists believe that within a framework of voluntary discipline a greater freedom than we possess is obtainable.

The application of this to the question of the criminal has been best stated by Bernard Shaw: "Imprisonment cannot be fully understood by those who do not understand freedom."

Eight Men Criminals To One Woman

DO you know that the most lawless age is 13? And that there are eight times as many men criminals as women?

These facts are given in the Criminal Statistics for 1937, issued by the Home Office recently.

THE number of people found guilty of offences of all kinds in 1937 was 805,336.

There were 403,689 people found guilty of traffic offences—about 60 per cent. of the total.

Those guilty of "real" crimes numbered 77,529, and the police figures show that the value of property stolen during the year was under £5 in 77 per cent. of the cases, and above £100 in only about 1 per cent.

Which shows you how much petty crime there is.

To get back to the lawless age: of every 1,000 boys aged 13, 13.5 were found guilty of indictable offences. This figure drops to 10 for boys of 16, to 8 for boys of 17 and 18, to 6.5 for youths of 19, to 5.3 for those aged 21 to 26; to 4 for men of 25 to

30, to 3 for men of 30 to 40, and to 1.8 between 40 and 50.

The age of 13 is twice as lawless as the age of 19, and the age of 19 is twice as lawless as that of 30.

THE figures for women show a similar decrease of lawlessness with increase of age. The most lawless age groups are those of girls of 15 to 18. Thereafter there is a continuous decrease in every age group.

Among every 10,000 women and girls last year, there were five indictable offenders; among every 10,000 men and boys there were 30.

The report makes this comment in regard to youthful offenders: "The large number of young people who appear before the courts, and the question of what are the best methods of checking their lawlessness, are matters requiring serious consideration."

"For many years the policy of the courts has been to deal with the young offenders as not to turn them into lawless adults. The figures suggest that this policy has met with a substantial measure of success."

A General's Views On Hatless Women

BRIGADIER - GENERAL STEPHEN LUSHINGTON, outspoken critic of the modern generation, has resigned his chairmanship of the Aldershot magistrates for health reasons, it was announced recently.

General Lushington, who is 74, had presided for six years.

He was always insistent that a woman appearing in his court should wear a hat.

"Do you possess a hat?" he once asked a girl witness. "Yes," replied the girl, "but I haven't got it here."

"It is an insult to the Court and a disreputable proceeding," retorted General Lushington, and disallowed the girl's expenses.

RESPECT

On another occasion he told a hatless woman witness: "You are invoking God's name to what you are going to say. Do you consider that you have invoked it with due respect to God without a hat?"

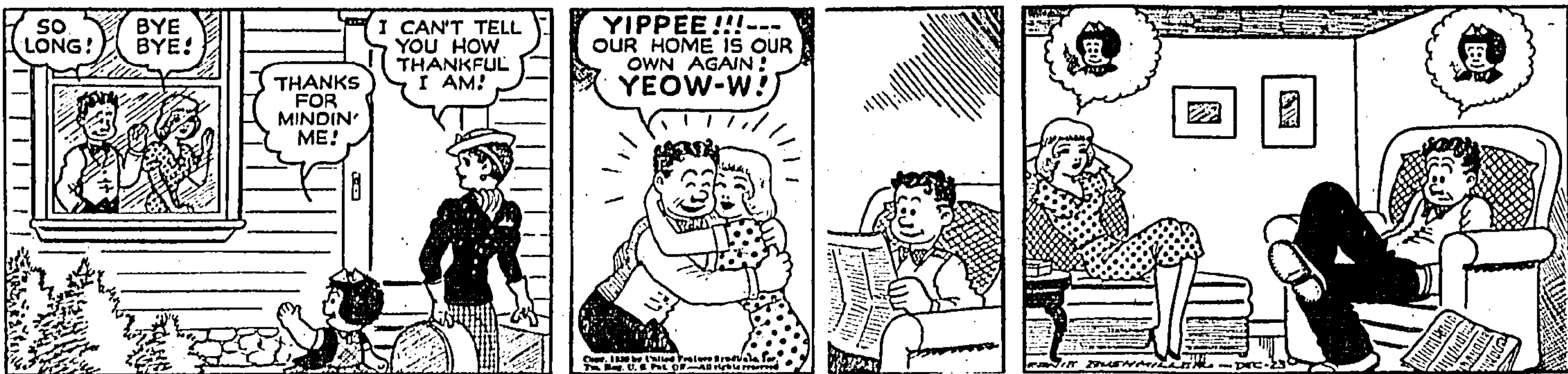
"Certainly," replied the woman. "I never wear a hat."

After assuring the chairman that she was not acting with any disrespect to her oath, the witness was allowed to give evidence bareheaded.

His successor as chairman is another retired Army officer—Lieut.-Colonel E. C. Ogilvie, who is 71.



FRTZI RITZ



By Ernie Bushmiller

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TO PLAY ROYAL SCOTS
AT SOOKUNPOO TO-DAY

(By "Fly-It")

Last evening on the Club ground, Police held their final trial before starting in competitive rugby. Thirteen Police players turned out—Searle, A.S.P., Oa'ley, Cullinan, Jessop, Hemsley, Rose, Wall, Jenner, Willerson, Wheeler, Jackson, Taylor and Mackenzie—and after general practice combined with Club players present in a practice game.

Although lacking in the finer points of the game, the Police players gave a creditable display. The pack, consisting of Searle, Cullinan, Jessop, Hemsley, Rose, Jenner, Oakley and Wheeler, is heavy and promise to be a formidable bunch in the set scrums. Searle and Oakley, the wing forwards, showed fine understanding of the game and were frequently seen doing good in the loose.

Amongst the backs, Taylor was outstanding with strong running, although he found difficulty in handling the wet ball. In yesterday's showing, the three will need more practice together before a forceful combination is formed.

This afternoon at 2.45 p.m. the Police will play their first game against a Royal Scots team at Sookunpoo. Wilson, a Club player, is a doubtful starter as he badly bruised his knee whilst playing for Ireland in last Saturday's International series. Heath, another player well-known to local rugby enthusiasts, will be an absentee as he is at present on holidays. He will be greatly missed as he is an active wing forward.

For to-day's game, the Police will be represented by the following team: Rose, Cullinan, Wheeler, Jessop or Riddell, Hemsley, Oakley, Jenner, Searle, Luscombe, Wilson, Willerson or Mackenzie, Taylor, Morrison, Jackson and Wall.

Should Wilson be fit, his partnership with Luscombe should be a success as they have frequently played together in Club "A" games. Luscombe at the beginning of the season played regularly for the Club 1st XV at scrum-half.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Prior to the big game on Saturday in which England play Scotland to decide the winner of the International Series, Ireland and Wales will fight it out to avoid the wooden spoon. This is an innovation and should prove a worthy game as on last Saturday's showing there is not a great deal of difference between the two teams. The Club ground is the venue of these two attractive matches which start at 2.45 and 4 p.m.

DINGHY SAILING

Another Victory For
Dunlin In Series For
Ah King Cup

The seventh race of the series for the Ah King Cup was sailed off by the Royal Naval Sailing Association in a strong breeze on Sunday with all boats reefed. The result was another win for Dunlin, with a close race for second between Fiona and Stour. The results were:
1. Dunlin (Lt. Whitworth)
2. Fiona (Pay-L. Batchelor)
3. Stour (Lt. Correll)
4. Lerryn (P/O. Lumsden); 5. Gina (P/O. Sandeman); 6. Cristina (Lt. Viner); 7. Whitworth (Lt. Cor. Hall); 8. Daydream (Lt. Brightman).
The remaining two races in this series will be sailed on Sunday, January 22, and Sunday, February 5.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG
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Annual Race Meeting, 1939,
25th, 27th and 28th February,
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Entries for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1939, at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1939.

SQUASH
TOURNNEY
ENTRIES

Twenty entries were received for the Colony Open Squash Tournament, the first round draw for which resulted as follows:

First round.—P. F. McCabe v. M. F. L. Haynes; P. Welch v. A. C. L. Bowker.

Second round.—L. Goldman v. Major P. C. Nottingham (R.E.); Lt. P. S. Skelton (R.N.) v. Lt. T. N. Callow (R.N.); Major W. G. Harvey (R.A.F.) v. C. Austin; D. I. Bosanquet v. Sq. Ldr. J. Warburton (R.A.F.); Sure Cmdr. C. B. Nicholson (R.N.) v. Lt. N. W. Dimsey (R.A.); Lt. G. W. Hook (R.A.) v. J. E. Potter.

First Round.—R. C. Deavan v. G. Polglase; L. C. Baker v. R. C. Geer. All matches will be the best of five games, and, up to the semi-finals, may be played on any courts in the Colony. The semi-finals and the final will be played on the Army No. 1 court.

The first named player is responsible for arranging the match, and first round matches will be completed by January 17, second round matches by January 24, third round matches by January 30, semi-finals by February 3, and the final by February 7.

The official ball is the "Silver-town" supplies of which can be obtained from the Hongkong Cricket Club.

Hutton Scores
A "Duck"

East London, Jan. 16.
The M.C.C. won to-day by nine wickets. Scores:
Border Provinces 121 and 275 (Evans 88, Dowling 61; Wilkinson 4-63, Perks 3-66).
M.C.C. 320 and 79-1 (Hutton 0, Edrich 50 not out).—Reuter.

SHEPHERD SHIELD
Sydney, Jan. 16.
Rain prevented play in the Sheffield Shield game between South Australia and New South Wales to-day.—Reuter Bulletin.

FANLING GOLF

Semi-Final Matches For
G. M. Young Cup

Having eliminated the Chartered Bank in the first round of the G. M. Young Cup Competition, held by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank were themselves beaten in the semi-final by Dodwell and Company. The other finalists are Butterfield and Swire, who beat the Asiatic Petroleum Company in the other semi-final.

Captain's Cup Competition

The following were the results of second round matches in the Captain's Cup Competition (1938) played at Fanling recently:
W. J. S. Key (7) beat W. Hewitt (15).
F. Groves (4) beat H. Overy (20).
1 up.
A. M. Mack (16) beat J. W. Alabaster (15). 2 up.
J. S. Dunnett (14) beat H. N. Williamson (13). 7 and 5.

Boys' Par Pool

The Boys' Par Pool Competition, played at Fanling, New Course, on Saturday and Sunday, was won by N. P. Fox (17), 1 down. There were 15 entries.

Happy Valley Competition

The Adamson Cup Qualifying Competition for January, at Happy Valley, is cancelled owing to insufficient entries being received.

History Repeats Itself
In Open Golf Tourney
Of The Philippines

By Ralph G. Hawkins

Manila, Jan. 9.

History repeated itself at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club course in Madaluyog when Norman Von Nida, 24-year old, blue-eyed Australian pro romped off with the 1939 Philippine Open championship with tall, affable Chin Seisui of Japan, pressing him throughout the 36-hole final for top honours. Von Nida's 72-hole score was 292, one stroke less than the score with which he bagged last year's Open.

Chin Seisui, who finished second in last year's tournament with a 295 aggregate, had a bit of tough luck yesterday but succeeded in finishing in a tie for second place with his countryman, It. Asami. He had a score of 294.

Unlike last year, however, when Von Nida came up from behind to stage a sensational last 18-hole finale and ring up a 69 to win first money by two strokes, the youthful Australian stayed out in front throughout the competition. In the first round, played Friday, he tied with Kanichichi Nakamura, Japanese pro, for top place with a 72. In the second round, he shot another 72 to tie for the lead with Chin Seisui. In the morning round of 18 holes yesterday, he and Seisui both turned in 72's to start the final 18-hole all-square with the pre-4,000 first prize money dangling before them.

It was neither sensational nor spectacular golf that Von Nida and Chin Seisui played in the closing rounds. But they were matching each other stroke for stroke and up to the 17th hole they stood all square. It was the 17th that toppled Chin. He took six on the par 4 hole while Von Nida collected his usual par. And that decided things then and there.

Meanwhile, Asami, whom no one expected to threaten the leaders, was battering out a neat 72 for the last 18 holes and succeeded in tying Chin for second money.

The best golf of the 36-hole finale, however, was shot by J. Morioka, another Japanese entry, who turned in a card of 71 for the morning round and a 70 for the final 18 holes. He finished in fifth place with a 295, one stroke above Miyamoto's 295.

JAPANESE DO WELL

Of the 13 Japanese entries, six placed among the first 10. Twelve of the 13 qualified for the final. Guillermo Navaña, caddy-master of the Cebu U. S. Country Club, finished in ninth place while Larry Montes was the only other Filipino to land among the first 10. Navaña's score was 305 and Montes' was 306.

John Montague, colourful entry from the United States, finished in a tie with Nakamura of Japan, for seventh place. Eric Cremin, Australian pro, who once defeated Von Nida, 12 and 10, barely finished in 10th place.

N. Miyoshi, of Japan, was low amateur of the tournament, his 308 enabling him to land in tenth place in a card with Montes and Cremin. M. Simpson, Jr., of the Manila Golf Club, was next low amateur, with a 313.

The last 18 holes of play between Norman Von Nida and Chin Seisui turned into a close stroke competition. Paired with the two leaders was T. Miyamoto, five times open champion of Japan, who always hovered as a threat.

In the morning round, Von Nida got off to a good start, shooting the first nine in 34, two below par, as Chin clipped out a 36 and Miyamoto a 37. Von Nida shot the second nine in 36 and Chin made it in 38 to make things all square.

Things looked bad for Von Nida at the start of the final 18 holes. He and Chin took fours on No. 1, but Chin took No. 2 with a three while the defending champion made it in 4, one above par. Chin had Von Nida two down on No. 3 when he took a four and the Australian took a five. Von Nida got into a sand trap on his second shot. He blasted out nicely but missed a 10-foot putt.

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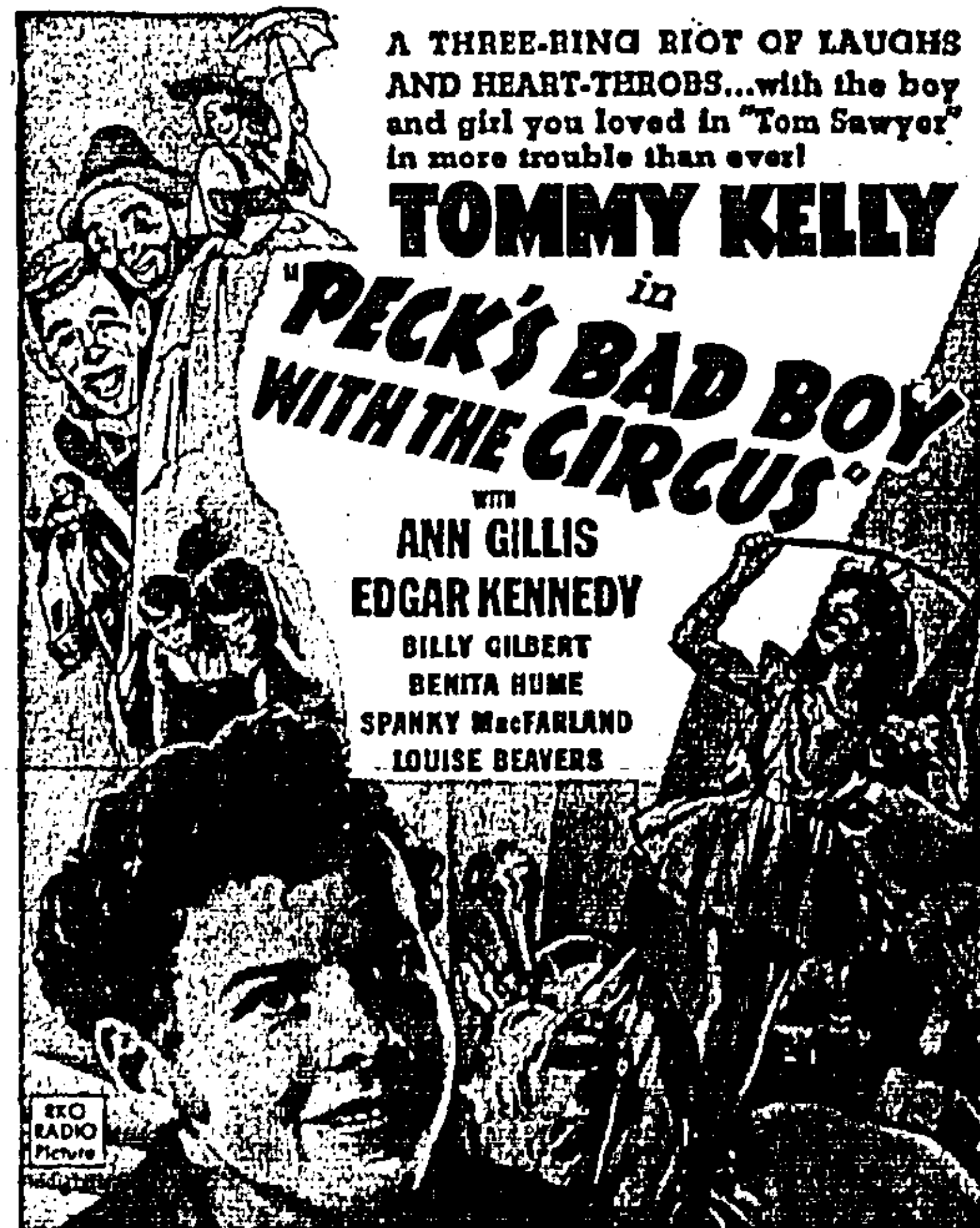
It was not until the seventh hole that Von Nida was able to cut down Chin's lead. On that hole both Chin and Miyamoto drove wide while Von Nida made a nice drive and was on the green on his second shot. Chin pitched into a trap on his second, got

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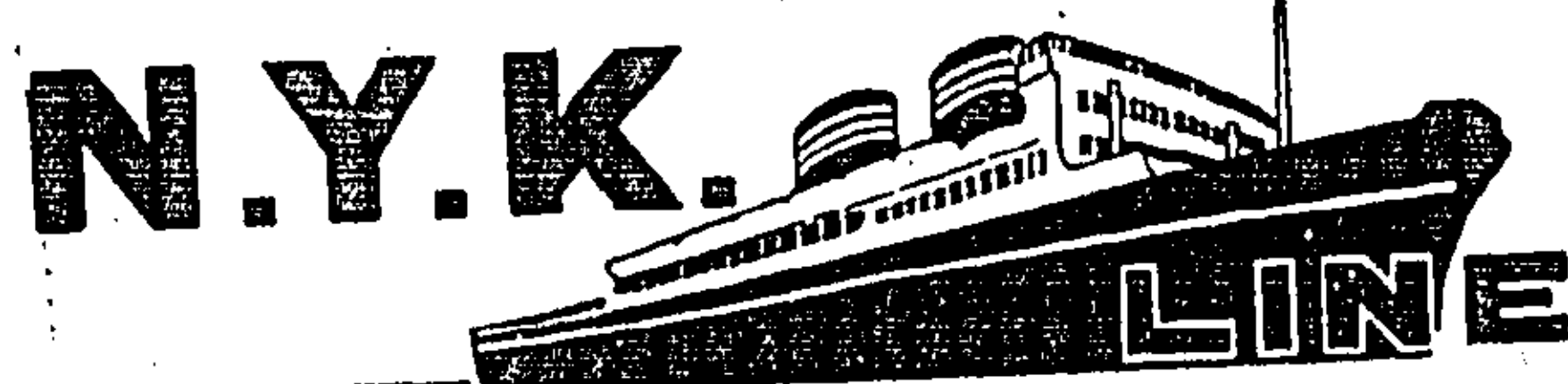
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WHAT is more appetising at this time of the year than hot buttered toast, eaten before a cheerful, glowing fire? Savoury toasts are not only appetising, however, but they also afford an excellent way of using up cold fish and meat.

If you are toasting before the fire, a little salt thrown over it will help to clear it. When making toast under an electric or gas grill, let the grid on which the bread is to stand get warm first.

Taking a few precautions ensures getting the best results. If the bread is first put into the oven to dry, toasting will be quicker, and that delightful crispness, which is essential, will be more easily acquired. If the bread is not prepared first in this way, and you are toasting before an open fire, hold the slices well away at first. You will then get crisp evenly-coloured toast; hastily made toast is brown outside, but damp and luke-warm inside.

Toast that has been left for some time and gone cold can be made palatable again by putting it in the oven for a few minutes.

French toast is a good way of using up slices of bread and butter left over from tea. The slices are laid one over the other with the butter side inwards. Press together lightly and toast in the ordinary way. No extra butter is needed, for the butter already spread will penetrate the soft part and give a rich, crisp taste to the toast. Eat hot, straight from the fire. Put a plate underneath when toasting to catch any drippings.

We often forget all about brown bread toast. It should be eaten plainly buttered with a little salt. Brown bread should be toasted slowly so that the edges do not get brown before the middle is done.

A Curried Dish

Curried egg toast is very savoury. Cut up a small onion and fry in a little butter till brown. Pour in a teaspoonful of curry powder mixed with a gill of milk. Beat up three eggs, stir in and cook for five minutes, stirring all the time. Pour on thick slices of hot buttered toast, and serve very hot with a little minced chutney on top.

Here are two tasty kidney toasts. Prepare the kidneys, cut up, and fry in butter with a little chopped thyme and parsley for about five minutes. Sprinkle a little corn-flour, just cover with stock, and simmer for 10 minutes. Serve on hot buttered toast. Or, cook in butter as above, then squeeze in a little lemon juice, and add the yolk of an egg and a

Manners At The Table

WHEN Savarin, the famous French sage, said, "It makes no difference what you eat, but with whom you eat it," he might have added, "and how you eat it." For in no item of our manners are we more judged than by the way we eat. Even though the necessities of our tables are in perfect taste, all the beauty of the table-setting is of no avail if our table-manners are not good. The charm of good table-manners—"accustomedness" to care in our eating—cannot be over-estimated.

The fork has its own special etiquette, and if we wish to be as graceful as accustomed to the world of good manners, a few simple suggestions for its use must be mastered. Hold the fork well within the palm, with the end of the handle secure in the centre of the palm. The first finger extends down the handle. When cutting down, hold the fork with the prongs down. When eating vegetables, eggs, croquettes, hash, and other soft foods, with the fork in the right hand, hold the fork with the prongs up.

The possibility of finding ourselves in the "wrong" fork situation is reduced to a minimum if we remember, when we look at the silver at table, to "start with the utensil furthest from the plate and work towards the plate."

The knife is held in the right hand in the same way that the fork is held in the left and with the firmness that is necessary for cutting. The knife and fork should not be over-worked. To keep them in the hands continuously during the course is to suggest that the attention is perhaps too much on the food and not enough on the conversation. After a mouthful or two, "rest" the knife and fork in a convenient position on the plate. Never in a thoughtless moment "rest" the knife against the edge of the plate with the handle on the table cloth.

When, at informal dinners or suppers at home, the plate is passed for a second portion, place knife and fork snugly together side by side on the plate, so that they will not be knocked off when passing the plate. The lines of the fork should be placed

up and the sharp edge of the knife towards the centre of the plate. When the meat course, or any other course in which a knife and fork have been used, is finished, place your knife and fork together on the plate, side by side. The handles are turned slightly to the right. The cutting edge of the knife is turned towards the fork. The prongs of the fork are upward.

As you put your soup spoon into your soup, dip the spoon away from you. Fill the spoon about half-full. If you suspect that there is a drop on the bottom of the spoon "rest" the spoon for a moment on the edge of the plate to prevent a dribble across the lip. During the meal it is a bit, we may drink the rest of the soup as we drink tea.

When bouillon or consommé is served in a bouillon cup the first two or three sips are taken with the bouillon spoon to test the heat of the liquid; then after the soup has cooled a bit, we may drink the rest of the soup as we drink tea. With desserts such as strawberries or raspberries, a meringue, a peach or melba, or desserts where there is an accompanying juice or syrup, like the compote of fruit or fruit tart, both the dessert spoon and fork should be placed. For stewed fruits or compote this double service is especially convenient, for the fruit stones may be easily separated from the fruit with the fork and spoon. When you sit down, unfold your napkin once, leaving the centre fold as it is. It is not necessary to unfold the napkin entirely. Place it across the lap. During the meal it is, of course, permissible to use the napkin when one needs to. However, it is well to keep in mind the ideal eater—one who eats fastidiously throughout the meal. When you use your napkin, do so unobtrusively and with as few motions as possible. Do not use it as if it were a towel. Do not play with it, twirl or twist or wring it in the fingers, and do not stretch it as you talk. If you are a guest for but one meal, you do not fold your napkin, but place it as it is beside your plate. Juliet Sanford



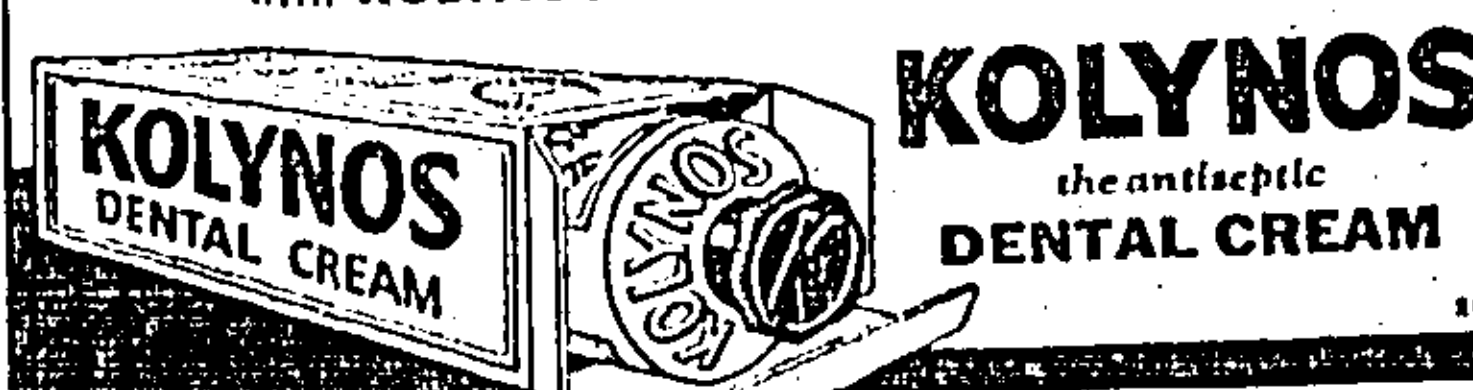
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MALICE ALLEGED

An Assault Summons Adjourned

A summons for alleged assault, brought by Fung Sze, married woman, against Ting Yuet-lam and Ting Kwok-lung, moneychangers, was adjourned to January 31 by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistrate's yesterday, because Fung was absent.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appearing for the defendants, said that the complainant was the wife of a money-changer, whose shop was a few doors away from that of defendants. On December 27, Fung went to defendants and enquired about the exchange, but there was no sense in doing this. Later, Fung again went to see defendants, and by this time the exchange had gone up, and she shouted that defendants were attempting to cheat her, and made a scene at the place for more than thirty minutes.

Fung was wearing high-heels shoes then, and tripped over at the door, which resulted in her taking out a summons against defendants.

Mr. Russ alleged that the complaint was brought maliciously.

LATE NEWS

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deserted at the time. Mrs. England's terrier "Pupsy" savagely attacked the three assailants, severely biting one of the men in the leg before he was rendered unconscious with a stone.

As she was walking up Brown Path a heavy shower of rain was falling, and she took no particular notice of two men as they ran past her, thinking they were seeking shelter from the rain. When the two men had reached a point a few yards ahead of Mrs. England, however, they were joined by a third man, and the trio suddenly attacked her. One man seized her by the neck, while another pushed his fist over her face in order to stop her screams.

The dog, barking loudly, attacked the three men. After one of the men had been savagely bitten, another picked up the animal by its hind legs and knocked it unconscious by dashing its head against a stone.

The third assailant searched Mrs. England for possessions, but found only \$1.75 and a woollen cardigan in the work bag she was carrying on her arm.

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Balance in Hong Kong currency, being funds as at December 31, 1938, totalled \$35,433.82.

In the Chinese National Currency account, grants to relief centres in China totalled \$20,200, leaving a balance of \$84,849.78.

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Only Small Load of Mail On Delayed Plane

Averaging 160 miles an hour from Hanoi, the Imperial Airways plane Delphinus reached Hong Kong at 3 p.m. yesterday with 200 kilos of delayed mail. Mr. Reschke, a German from Bangkok, was the only passenger.

So far as local information goes, the mail scheduled to arrive tomorrow is on time.

The plane Delta is due to leave at dawn to-day with outward mail and passengers.

CLIPPER THIS MONTH

Giant Craft on Maiden Trip Soon From Alameda

Manila, Jan. 16. It is reported that the 72-passenger Boeing Clipper will leave Alameda for Hong Kong some time this week on its maiden flight carrying a crew of ten, and mail, but no passengers. Pan American Airways office here said they had no information from Alameda, but admitted that they expected the giant Clipper to arrive before February.—United Press.

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RELIEF WORK

Emergency Refugee Council

An abstract of receipts and payments of the Emergency Refugee Council, for the period from June 12 to December 31, discloses that donations received in Hong Kong currency amounted to \$234,040.53, and in Chinese National currency, \$105,020. Donations to the Building Fund totalled HK\$20,900.

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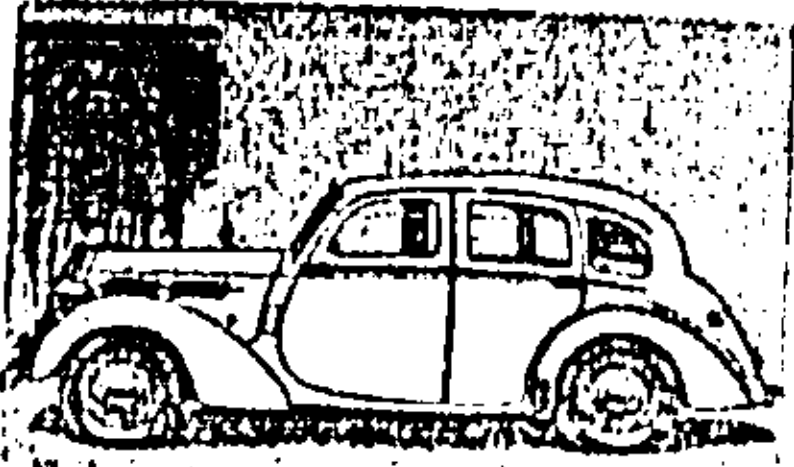
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HONGKONG TRADE FOR 1938 SETS RECORD DESPITE WAR

THE FIGURES IN BRIEF

TRADE IN 1938 totalled \$1,130,071,214, an increase of \$45,684,526 over 1937.

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Imports from China totalled \$233,264,347 and exports totalled \$230,727,469.

Bullion and treasure exports totalled \$188,123,656. Imports of bullion and treasure totalled \$9,601,218.

EXPORTS JUMP \$44,579,556: CHINA TRADE FLOURISHED

ALTHOUGH HONGKONG'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN DECEMBER DECLINED BY \$15,291,508 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1937, THE TOTAL TRADE FOR THE WHOLE OF 1938 INCREASED BY \$45,684,526 TO REACH THE NEW RECORD OF \$1,130,071,214.

Imports during 1938 totalled \$618,168,937, an increase of \$1,104,970 over 1937. Exports totalled \$511,902,277, an increase over 1937 of \$44,579,556.

The Colony's adverse trade balance, which was \$149,741,246 in 1937, was only \$106,266,660 in the period under review.

These statistics do not include goods in transit, transshipments, passengers effects, army, navy or air force imports or treasure and bullion. **Serious Decline**

In December

The effect of Japan's stranglehold on the occupied areas of China was chiefly felt in Hongkong in November and December.

In December imports declined from \$49,342,058 in 1937 to \$46,496,841 in 1938.

Exports declined even more drastically, the total in December last year (\$33,535,169) being \$12,446,291 more than the total for the corresponding period in 1937.

Actually, Hongkong's trade with China over the whole twelve months of last year was a record, the total of \$463,991,816 being \$62,269,645 higher than in 1937.

HUNGARY'S RELATIONS WITH REICH

Parleys Start In Berlin

BERLIN, Jan. 16. ALTHOUGH STRICT SILENCE is being maintained in all official circles regarding the subjects discussed by Herr Hitler and the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czaky, political circles are inclined to assume that four points were mentioned, these being:

Hungarian withdrawal from the League of Nations. Hungarian-Czech-Slovak differences, which have resulted in several shooting affairs on the frontier and caused Germany to urge both Powers on more than one occasion to respect the Vienna arbitration.

The question of 600,000 Germans living in Hungary who recently founded a German-Hungarian League.

Hungary's relations with her two neighbours, Rumania and Yugoslavia, Germany being interested in promoting friendlier relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia. That Germany expects Hungary to withdraw from the League has been openly expressed in the newspapers. The "Essener National Zeitung" which often publishes the opinion of Field-Marshal Goering, says to-day that it may be assumed that Hungary will "further develop the anti-Comintern policy and revise her (Continued on Page 4.)

Imports from China totalled \$233,264,347, compared with \$211,321,185 in 1937. Exports to China totalled \$230,727,469, an increase of \$40,326,483 over 1937.

This abnormal total was effected despite a serious drop in both imports and exports during the last month of the year, when imports from China fell by \$4,049,001 to \$13,701,968 and exports to China fell by \$13,475,409 to \$7,717,927.

Trade With South China There was a drastic curtailment of Hongkong trade with South China in December, due to the Japanese occupation of Canton. Imports from South China (Canton, Hekow, Kowloon) totalled \$1,104,970.

BRITISH DESTROYER TRAILS TRAWLER

Junk Seizure Near Hongkong Waters

A HONGKONG REGISTERED junk seized by a Japanese trawler after three shots had been fired across its bows. The junk crew, forced to abandon their ship, picked up by a British destroyer which followed the Japanese vessel until it released the junk.

These are the highlights in an incident revealed for the first time this morning. The junk was seized by the Japanese at 5 p.m. on January 10, whilst it was in Chinese waters east of Mils Bay.

Three shots were fired across its bows and seven Japanese boarded it in a small boat.

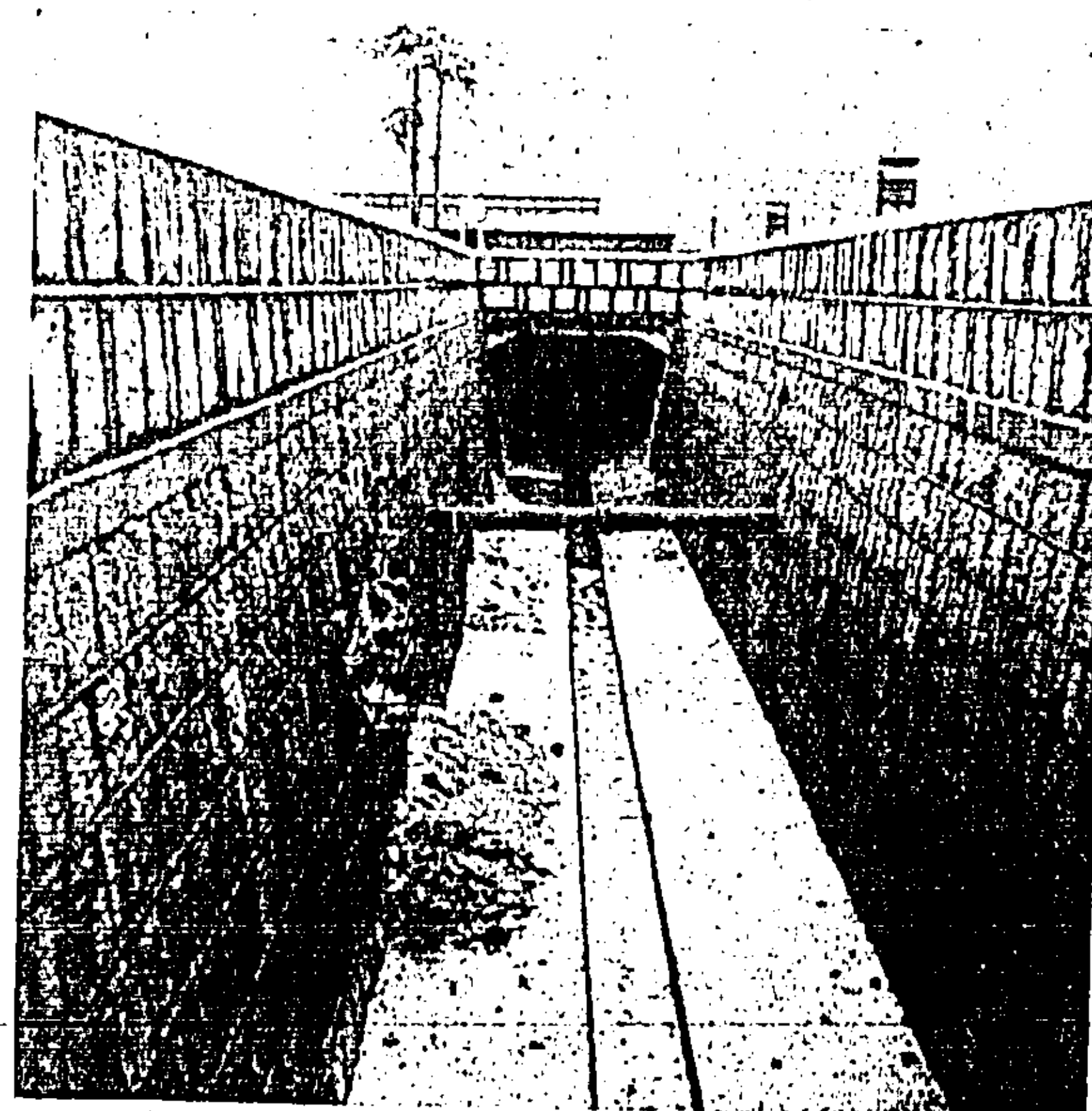
They demanded the junk's papers from Li San, master of the vessel. Although these papers indicated that the junk was No. 505, registered in Hongkong, the Japanese forced the crew to take to a small boat, and took the junk to tow.

Shortly afterwards the crew of the junk were picked up by H.M.S. Thetis, on piracy patrol.

The British destroyer immediately followed the Japanese trawler, while news of the incident was flashed to the authorities in Hongkong by radio. The British destroyer quickly caught up with the slower Japanese vessel, and after a short while the Japanese abandoned their tow, which was recovered by the British.

Naval authorities in Hongkong are emphatic that there was no question of compulsion, and that the entire incident was amicable.

The appearance of the British destroyer, it is stated, was sufficient for the Japanese to release their prize.



Internees Gained Freedom In This Nullah

The nullah through which 100 soldier-internees walked to freedom on Friday night. Sung Wong Toi Street crosses the nullah at the point where it becomes enclosed. Two hundred and fifty yards further on is the manhole through which the internees dropped from the Internment Camp. The photograph was taken about 200 yards from the beach. As can be seen the nullah is practically dry. In the rainy season it becomes a raging torrent.—Staff Photographer.

Small Dog Was Hero

Thugs' Vicious Attack On European Lady

"I'M NERVOUS about you going up that path alone. Go along Garden Road."

A short while after warning his wife of the risk of proceeding along Brown Path alone, Corporal England, of the Royal Scots, was informed of the fact that she had been set upon and attacked by three Chinese thugs.

Staggering down the hillside to Aigborth Hall, May Road, with her raincoat and skirt torn and bespattered with mud, Mrs. England hysterically told the occupants that she had been savagely attacked by the three men as she was proceeding from Bowen Road to May Road along the lonely pathway.

The attack occurred at about 1.45 p.m. yesterday. Except for the four central figures in the drama and a heroic terrier dog, the pathway was entirely deserted at the time.

The dog was Mrs. England's terrier "Pussy." It savagely attacked her three assailants and, before it was rendered unconscious, succeeded in severely biting one of the men on the leg.

Foared Motor Traffic

Mrs. England feared motor traffic more than thugs in deciding not to accept her husband's advice.

It was raining heavily when she reached a point along Brown Path midway between May Road and Bowen Road, and she did not take particular notice of two men as they dashed past her, thinking they were seeking shelter from the rain.

When the two had reached a point a few yards ahead of Mrs. England, however, they were

ARTILLERY DUEL ACROSS YELLOW RIVER

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16. AN ARTILLERY DUEL of a major proportions opened to-day on the Yellow River in the southern part of the Shansi province, according to Chinese reports.

The reports claim that the Japanese attempt to cross the river was frustrated.

Chinese irregulars succeeded to-day in derailing and wrecking a train carrying several thousands of Japanese soldiers to Chohsien on the Tatung-Puchow line.

A report from Peiping says that a railway bridge near Changchuan has been dynamited and destroyed by Chinese guerrillas.—Trans-Ocean.

The War In Spain

INSURGENTS CALL ON CATALANS TO LAY DOWN ARMS

BURGOS, JAN. 16. A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL FRANCO URGES THE CATALANS TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS IN VIEW OF THE INEVITABILITY OF AN INSURGENT VICTORY.

The message was broadcast from insurgent wireless stations.

The message added: "We are marching against Catalonia, not to destroy, but to save her."—Reuter.

Barcelona Defiant

BARCELONA, Jan. 16. AS GENERAL FRANCO'S bombers roared over Barcelona to-day, several hundred women marched defiantly through the refugee-filled streets of the city, exhorting the population to stand firm.

The women carried banners bearing such slogans as: "Fortify Catalonia", and "Defend Catalonia To The Death".

Five bombers dropped 20 huge bombs on the port area, about half of which fell into the sea, but four struck the working-class section of the city, wounding five people.

Five Loyalist pursuit planes drove the raiders off after a spectacular battle.

Meanwhile the Loyalist forces, flung back from Tarragona, have occupied previously prepared positions on the low hills barring the main road east towards Vendrell, which is 15 miles further up the coast.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT GAINS

BY INSURGENTS

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 16. In addition to the capture of Gervasa, other important progress is reported to have been made by the insurgents on the northern and southern flanks of the Catalan front this afternoon.

In the south, the insurgents already occupy the two roads leading respectively from Tarragona and Valls to Vendrell on the Mediterranean coast, and thence via Villanueva and Vilanova to Barcelona.

The insurgent vanguard is stated to be close to Vendrell. In the centre, in the Cervera sector, the Loyalists are reported to be making desperate efforts to retreat on Igualada, which is 35 kilometres east of Cervera. They are threatened with being cut off by the insurgents advancing to the north and south of Cervera.

The insurgents advancing from the south towards the road from Cervera to Igualada have occupied the villages of Claret, Farnell, Mirre, and Pontreia. Large quantities of war material have been captured at Cervera.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE DENIES REPORTS

Paris, Jan. 16. Reports in the foreign press that there is a likelihood of France sending regular troops to Catalonia, is characterised at the Quai D'Orsay as "too absurd to merit denial."

It is declared that the French standpoint in the Spanish question is known to all. France is bound by the non-intervention agreement, but in the event of other nations no longer respecting that agreement, the present critical situation in Spain and to reconsider her stand.

In any case, it was stated, France will undertake no new step without previously informing England.—Trans-Ocean.

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway arrived at North Shields yesterday morning on board the Oslo-Newcastle motor ship, Black Watch. He proceeded to Sandringham to stay with the King and Queen.

LOYALIST ARMY 100 PER CENT. SPANISH

League Committee Ends All Doubts

GENEVA, Jan. 16. WHEN THE LEAGUE COUNCIL began its public sitting to-day, it had before it a report drawn up by the Committee of Three—France, Britain, and Persia—on the withdrawal of non-Spanish combatants from Loyalist Spain.

The report showed that the total number of such combatants counted in Barcelona and the central zone was 12,073, and that all these effectives were now withdrawn from combatant units. A total of 6,490 non-Spanish combatants had so far been evacuated. (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

Hungary's Troops Massing

FRANKFURT, Jan. 16. Hungarian troops are marching from the interior towards the Carpatho-Ukrainian frontier, and Poland is concentrating troops on the northern frontier. It was announced by the Carpatho-Ukrainian Press to-day. This is the official news service of the Carpatho-Ukrainian Government.—Trans-Ocean.

See Back Page For Further Late News

LINER IN STORM DRAMA President Harrison 3 Days Late

SEAS SO MOUNTAINOUS that women and children passengers were forced to evacuate their cabins and sleep on the floor of the music room were encountered by the American President liner Harrison on the voyage from Hawaii to Yokohama.

The President Harrison, en route head winds shortly after leaving Hongkong and Manila, arrived in Honolulu yesterday, three days developed into a gale of almost overdu.

The storm was one of the worst vessel has ever encountered. Several members of the crew sustained minor injuries.—Dome.

Hongkong Becomes China Tea Market

Big Trade Built Up With Soviet

AS A RESULT of the hostilities between China and Japan, Hongkong has become the headquarters for China's great tea trade.

Although this position may not be maintained in 1939 due to the Japanese occupation of Canton and Hankow and the consequent disruption of traffic on the railway to the interior, the British Colony established itself firmly in the tea market towards the end of last year.

In this period, imports of tea from China totalled no less than \$10,920,951, which compares with \$3,620,211 in 1937.

Exports of tea from Hongkong totalled \$10,900,014, compared with \$3,620,211 in 1937.

These totals do not include tea in transit through Hongkong or transhipped at this port.

SHIPPED TO VLADIVOSTOK

Nearly all of the tea Hongkong purchased from China last year was sold to Soviet Russia, and was shipped from here to Vladivostok.

The Soviet purchased in Hongkong altogether 10,772,110 lbs. of China tea, valued at over nine million dollars. In previous years, all of Russia's tea purchases were made directly in China and were received overland by railway or by caravan.

Next to the Soviet, Egypt proved the best customer in 1938 for Hongkong's tea, although it purchased a cheap variety, the two million lbs. purchased here costing only \$182,000.

H.K. AIR-MAIL ASTRAY

London Asked to Solve Mystery

CABLED ENQUIRIES as to the fate of London mail for Hongkong which should have arrived by Imperial Airways yesterday, have not yet produced a solution.

An announcement was made over ZBW yesterday that, contrary to expectations, the mail had not arrived.

It is now learned that the despatch due should have left London on January 7. Mails collected en route at Egypt, Africa, etc., all arrived, as did also some mail from England for the Royal Navy.

It is considered most likely that the answer to the question lies in London since, if the mail was loaded on the plane, it would not have become separated from the other bags.

ANOTHER DELAY

The air mail which is scheduled to arrive to-morrow (London date January 12) has been delayed by weather at Rome and is not expected here until 5 p.m. on Thursday.

It is not known whether the missing January 7 mail is aboard this plane.

The Imperial Airways plane Delta left Kai Tak this morning for Bangkok with the outward mail and one passenger, Mr. Pavans de Cecilly, French businessman, for Singapore.

BID TO STOP SAILING OF JAPANESE SHIP

Cargo of Scrap For Arms: Plea To Indian Crew

NEWCASTLE. ATTEMPT was made here recently to prevent the sailing of a ship to Japan with a cargo of scrap-iron. The ship, the Wyvern, was recently sold to Norwegian owners by a Newcastle firm. She was then bought by the Japanese Government.

When the steamer entered the Tyne from Liverpool for engine overhaul she carried a Chinese crew, but they left on learning her destination and were replaced by Indians. Then the China Campaign Council got in touch with the local Council of Action in an effort to stop the ship. As soon as the ship's officers heard of this she was taken out of dry dock and moved to Harton Staithes to take aboard bunker supplies before leaving the river.

APPEAL TO CREW The China Campaign Council's next move was to approach the Indian League in London, with the result that a telegram signed by Krishna Menon, secretary of the League was sent north. It read:

"Understand Indian seamen being employed to replace Chinese to transport war material to Japan. Indian National Congress has declared boycott on Japan. Newcastle Indian seamen will help Japanese kill Chinese by transporting war materials. Nehru (leader of the Indian Congress) appeals to Indian seamen to remain loyal to country and to Congress by refusing to transport war materials to Japan."

The telegram was received by the Council of Action, and an envoy tried to get it into the hands of the Wyvern's Indian crew.

"SCRAP MEANS MUNITIONS" Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Newcastle representative of the China Campaign Committee, said: "Scrap for Japan can only mean one thing—munitions. In our opinion the Indian crew was not signed on in a constitutional manner, and we have taken legal action on the possibility of stopping the ship because of this."

Several Sikh members of the dock crew left the ship.

End Of A Two Years Search For A Star

PAULETTE GODDARD, Charlie Chaplin's protégée and often reported to be his wife, is now expected to play Scarlett O'Hara in the film version of "Gone With the Wind," which has sold 2,000,000 copies in two years.

Bette Davis and Katharine Hepburn were strong candidates for the part, but were tied to other studies. Miriam Hopkins and Margaret Sullivan were rumored to have been chosen, and, in June, Norma Shearer was officially announced as the star, but so great was the outcry of both Shearer fans and Scarlett fans that she changed her mind.

Britain Leads In U.S. Popularity Vote

DESPITE a slight decline in Great Britain's popularity in the U.S. attributed by the American Institute of Public Opinion to the Munich Agreement, Britain is still by far the most popular European country with the average American. A nation-wide survey by the Institute, just completed, shows that Britain is singled out as "best-liked" by 48 per cent. of the voters. France comes second with 12 per cent.

In a similar poll in 1937, 55 per cent. of the voters chose Britain. Evidence that Britain's popularity has dropped seven per cent. as a result of the Munich Agreement, is that a majority of Americans in another recent poll said they believed the pact had resulted in a greater possibility of war.

"NEUTRAL" STATES FAVOURED Other facts brought out by the present survey are a growing American sympathy for the small "neutral" States of Northern and Western Europe—Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Ireland and the Netherlands—and an increasing dislike for Germany.

The survey, also revealed that Great Britain is especially popular in the South of America and in the New England States, but, as always, less popular in the Middle and Far West.

Stopping the ship because of this. Several Sikh members of the dock crew left the ship.

Clay Pipe For Mr. Chamberlain

London.

Mr. Chamberlain is usually depicted with his umbrella just as Lord Baldwin was always depicted with his pipe. Evidently someone wants Mr. Chamberlain to take to a clay pipe since a resident of Forest Gate has sent the Prime Minister an old clay pipe with a likeness of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain on the bowl. The Prime Minister has sent a letter thanking him for "this interesting souvenir which I shall be very glad to keep."



George Burns, of the radio and screen team of Burns and Allen, as he appeared in Federal court in New York, after flying from California, and pleaded guilty to two charges of smuggling jewellery, amounting to \$4,885. With him was named Albert N. Chaperau, self-styled commercial attaché of the Nicaraguan Constabulary. The radio star asserted he did not know the jewellery had been smuggled. He gave it to his wife, Gracie Allen, his bird-brain partner in comedy.



What the well dressed man should wear when visiting the President of the United States might be exemplified by these two diplomats. Dupper former British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, right, is escorted by Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, for an unofficial visit to the White House in Washington.

MYTH OF THE BRANDED JEWISH BABY REFUGEE

FROM one end of Britain to the other an extraordinary story is being whispered.

It is that a Jewish child refugee from Germany—his age is usually given as seven—has arrived in this country with the swastika sign branded on his back.

There are two versions current of the method of branding. Some whisperers will tell you that it was done with a branding iron, others that it was burned indelibly with acid; but with these variations the story is the same all over the country. It has even been published in a weekly magazine.

After a fortnight of searching investigation it has been decided there is no vestige of truth in it whatever.

DAYS INVESTIGATING

One of leading members of the Jewish community in Britain having heard the story himself, spent several days endeavouring to establish the facts. He made inquiries at all Jewish hospitals, and at all places where the child was reported to be. Finally he confessed himself baffled. He had compiled a list of reputable people who were all reported to have been connected with the case.

Each one contacted could only say that he—or she—had heard of it from some one else. In the end nobody could produce anything more substantial than a rumour.

The Committee for the Care of Children from Germany, after making great efforts to trace the origin of the story, said:

"We have been swamped by this rumour. There is not the slightest foundation for it."

ALL EXAMINED

"If such a thing had happened we should know, because every child is medically examined before leaving Germany and on arrival here."

An example of how the rumour spread was given when at one

stage of the investigation the name of a woman doctor in Harley-street was quoted as that of the woman who had the child in her care.

"I have already heard the story that I am supposed to have attended the child, and I am astonished," she said.

"When I first heard the rumour about the child I mentioned it at a meeting at a London Jewish hospital, saying what a dreadful thing it was."

"Then I was amazed when the rumour came back to me that I was supposed to have performed a skin-grafting operation on the child's back."

"The whole thing is utterly untrue."

A.R.P. Would Need An Astronomer

Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civilian Defence, thinks astronomers would have to be called in to calculate the cost, if deep underground air raid shelters were to be provided on a big scale.

He said recently at the dinner of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors at the Dorchester.

He was explaining the difficulties in the way of providing such shelters, and began first with the cost.

"I am told," he said, "that a tube in the London clay costs about £200,000 a mile. "Deep bomb-proof shelters may have a limited application, but they will not furnish a complete solution."

POLICE INTERRUPT CHELSEA PARTY

EARLY one morning recently police visited a party at the studio of Mrs. Francis Doyle-Jones, widow of noted sculptor, in Manresa-road, Chelsea, S.W., and took the names of many of the guests.

Mrs. Jones, short, red-headed, has given parties at the studio every Friday for the last three years. That night there were about 300 members of the Chelsea art colony present.

The long, low room was filled with writers, painters, sculptors and models when half-a-dozen plain-clothes detectives entered.

They asked everybody to stay where they were while names were taken.

One of the guests said: "We were talking and laughing, and a few couples were dancing to a gramophone, when the police arrived. They took the names of most of us, and then we were allowed to go."

Another guest, a film actress, said: "This is the first time I have been to one of Mrs. Jones's parties and this has to happen."

The studio is decorated with many busts modelled by Mrs. Jones's husband.

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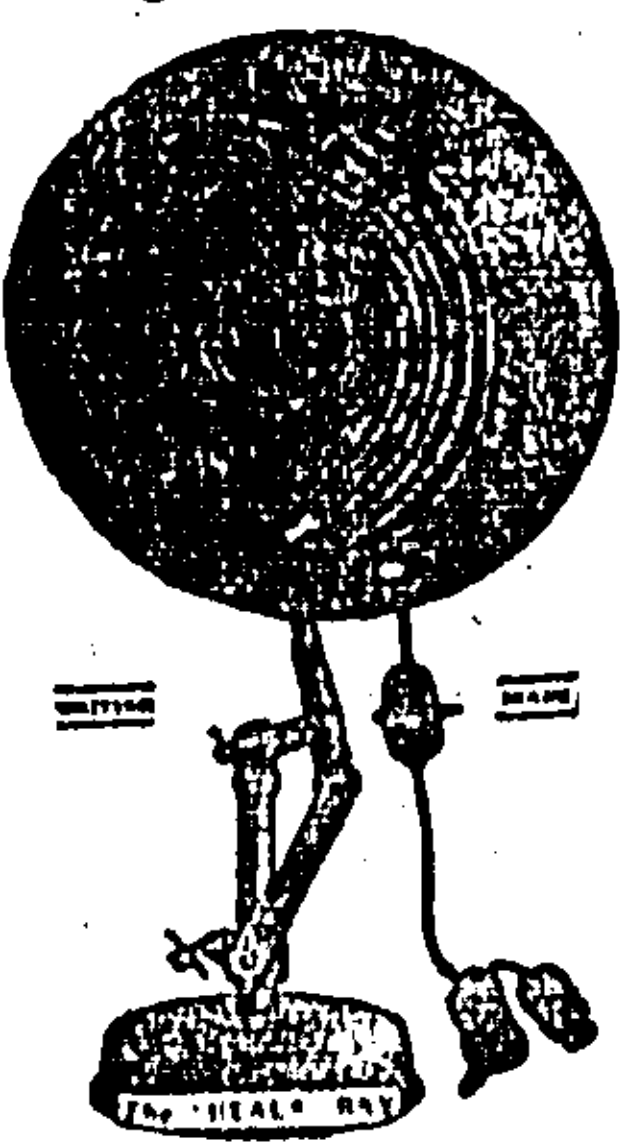
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HOUSEMASTER, AGED 20, IN GAS-MASK RIDDLE

Discovered By Maid

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).

A MAID, entering the bedroom of Mr. Philip Griffiths, twenty-year-old housemaster at the Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead, found him sitting on a chair wearing a gas-mask. Attached to filter was a tube running to a gas-jet. Mr. Griffiths was dead.

Son Of Lord Runciman Joins Airways

LORD Runciman's son and heir, the Hon. Walter Leslie Runciman, has joined Imperial Airways and British Airways at the invitation of the directors.

It was stated recently that his move is connected with the developments in air transport announced in the House of Commons.

Mr. Runciman's post will probably be that of chief executive officer of the public corporation which is to be set up to acquire Imperial Airways and British Airways.

It is likely that the corporation will be managed by a board or council nominated by the Government under statutory powers. Sir John Reith, former Director-General of the B.B.C., was appointed chairman of Imperial Airways last June, and it has been generally assumed that he will become chairman of the new corporation.

EXPERIENCED AIRMAN

Mr. Walter Runciman is 38 and an experienced airman. His American-born wife has flown with him on most of his business flights to the Continent and between London and the Tyne.

He commands the Auxiliary Royal Air Force Bomber Squadron at Usworth, Co. Durham, and was awarded the Air Force Cross last year.

Already he carries large business responsibilities. As director of many important shipping companies he maintains his family's connection with the sea. At 31 he became

The window of the bedroom was wide open.

Mr. Griffiths, son of the principal of the school, the Rev. E. H. Griffiths, had been on the staff since last June.

The tragedy occurred recently and few of the staff and none of the blind inmates had been told it.

One of the masters said: "None of us believes that it could have been anything but an accident. When I said goodnight to him on Monday he was cheery and said 'I will see you to-morrow'."

"He was fond of experimenting, and I think he wanted to see whether the gas-mask was proof against coal-gas."

OFFICIAL WARNING

The gas-mask was the ordinary civilian A.R.P. mask produced at half a crown. Following similar tragedies, official warnings have been issued stating that the masks afford "no protection whatever" against smoke or ordinary coal-gas.

But Mr. Griffiths had made previous experiments. His brother, Mr. E. F. Griffiths, of Epsom, said this evening that Philip told him some time ago of a successful experiment he had made with chloroform.

Mr. Griffiths added: "Philip was with me on Monday night and we spent a happy evening together."

Before Mr. Griffiths joined the staff at Leatherhead he had been studying as a medical student at Bart's Hospital.

chairman of the North England Steam Shipowner's Association, and a year later he joined the board of Lloyds Bank. Another of his directorships is that of Cranington Aircraft Limited.



Cameras at the Conservatives' Christmas party, in Empress Hall, London, caught this interesting view of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, holding hands. The Prime Minister gave an address to the assembled Conservatives, who responded with such an ovation he hardly could leave the hall.

RABBITS BALED OUT

Gallipolis, O. Armed with a dip net, D. O. Taber, executive secretary of the Ohio Valley Civic council, has been hunting rabbits at his home near Kanauga. The bunnies, frightened at night by passing automobiles, hop into a large ornamental pool at the Taber home by mistake. Taber fishes them out and lets them go.

Lemon Tree Prolific

Dustin, Okla. A Hughes county farmer, J. A. Hilliard grows Japanese lemons that look like oranges but are little larger than limes. His one Japanese lemon tree has grown from seed brought from Georgia 20 years ago. The tree bears three to five times a year.



Alwine Dollfuss, widow of the late Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss of Austria, assassinated in Vienna on July 25, 1934, as she appeared recently in London. She has received an immigration permit to visit the United States, where she hopes to make her permanent home. She and her two children, Eva, 11, and Rudi, 7, have been living in a Welsh village.

Bombing Ships Film Banned

"ENGLAND EXPECTS—" a film protesting against the bombing of British ships carrying food to Government Spain—has been banned by the Film Censor's Office.

It was made with the support of the Committee of British Shipowners Trading to Spain, the National Union of Seamen, and the Officers' (Merchant Navy) Federation.

Exception is taken to comments on the Premier, Hitler and Mussolini. A member of the Progressive Film Institute, which made the film, visited the Censor's office, and was informed that the film could not be passed for public exhibition unless certain modifications were made.

Lord Tyrrell, President of the Board of Film Censor's will see the film himself.

In the film, which was shown to members of Parliament, shipowners and the Press at a London hotel recently, strong comments are made about the weak attitude of the British Government, and Mr. Chamberlain is accused of being the first Premier not to give protection to British ships.

German and Italian pilots are accused of being responsible for the destruction of British ships and the death and wounding of British seamen. Their actions are described as "piracy."

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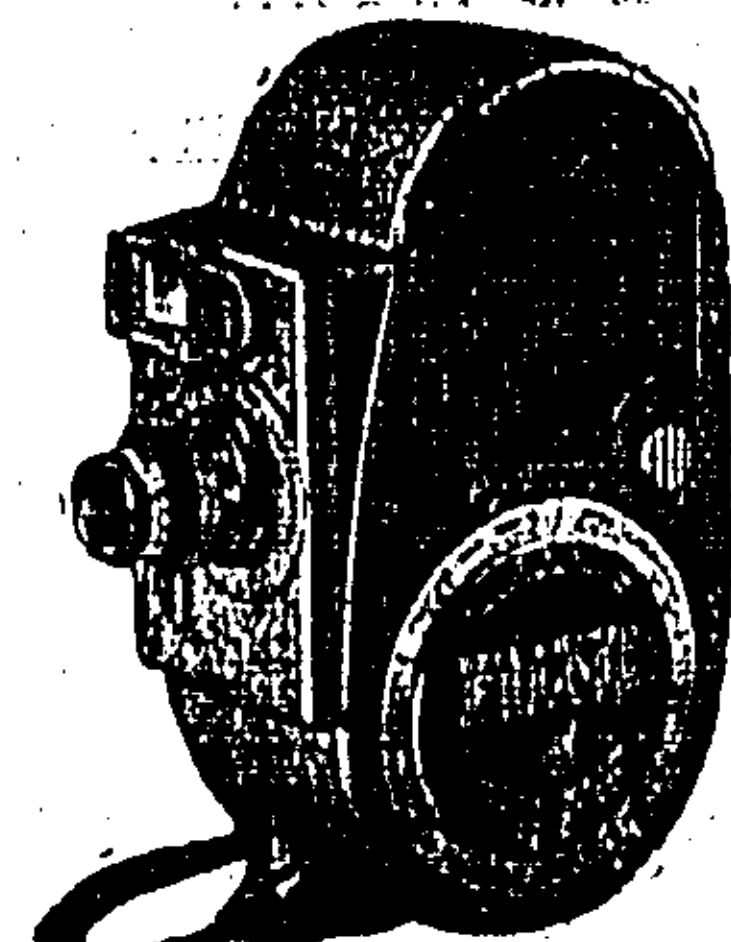
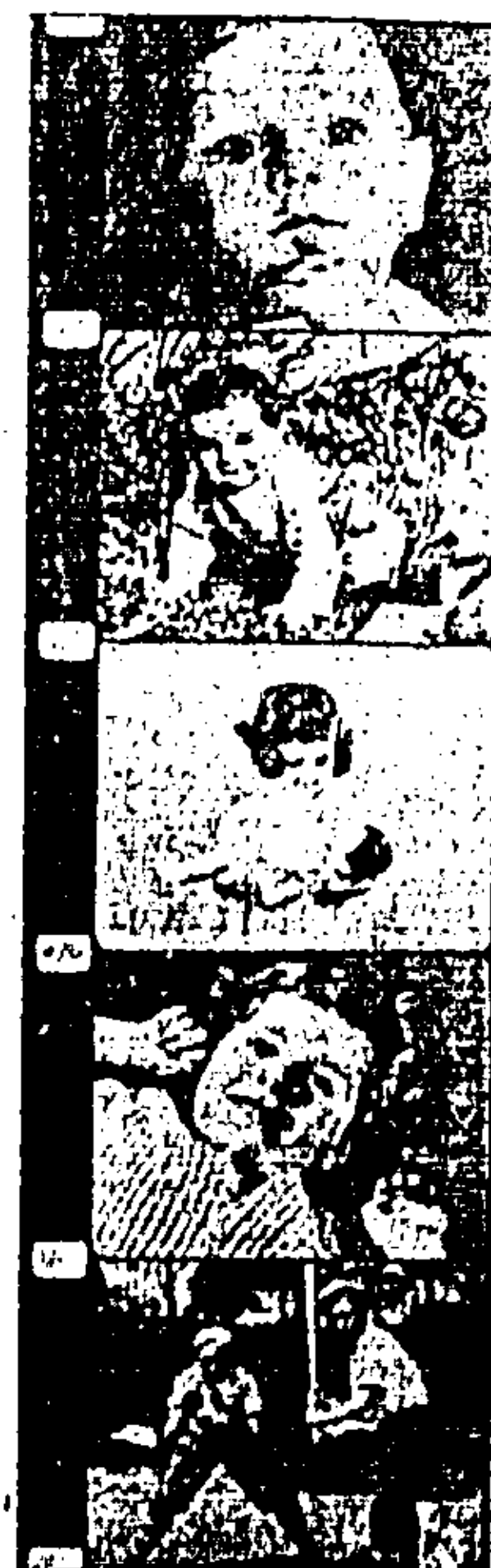
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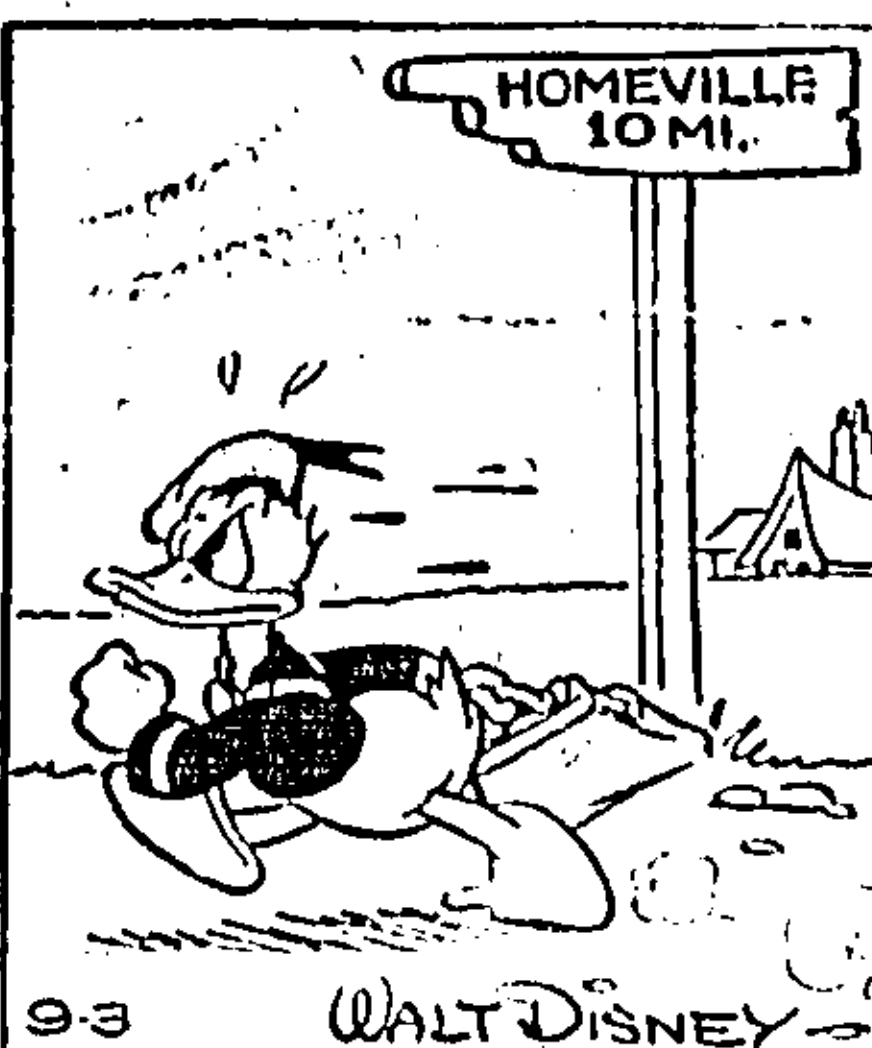
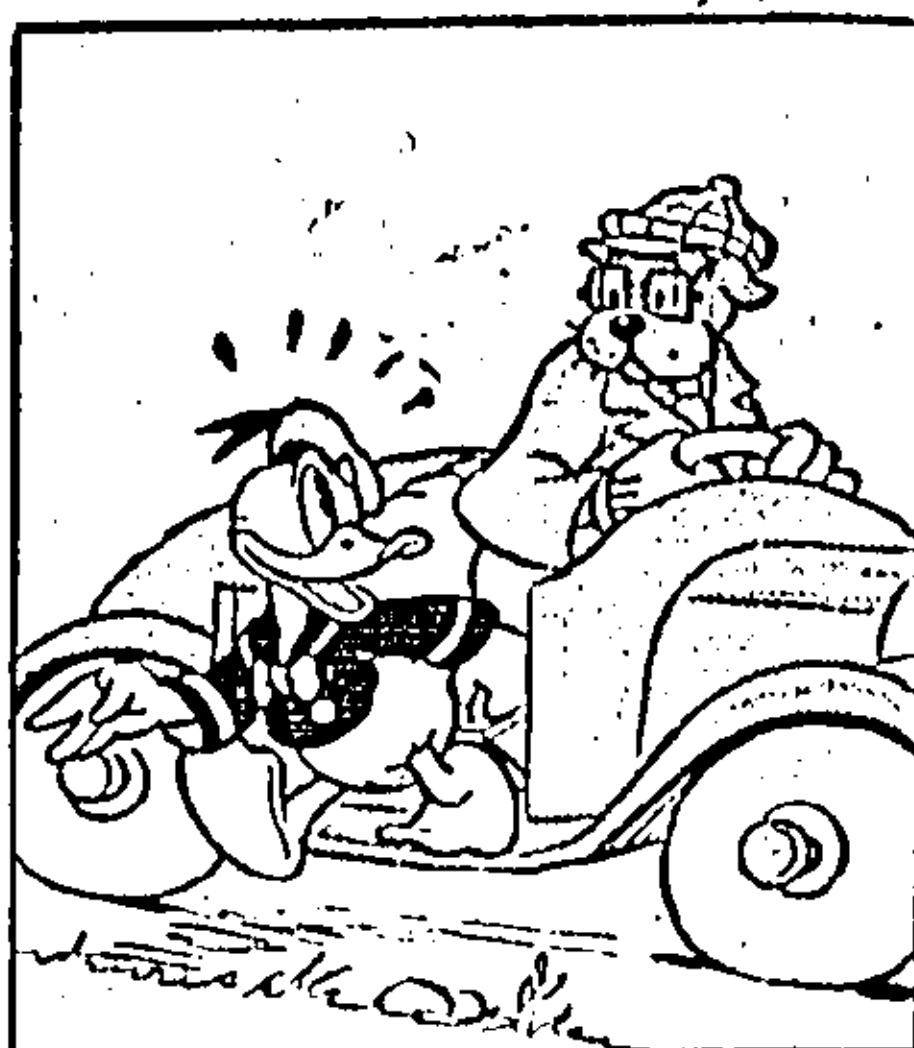
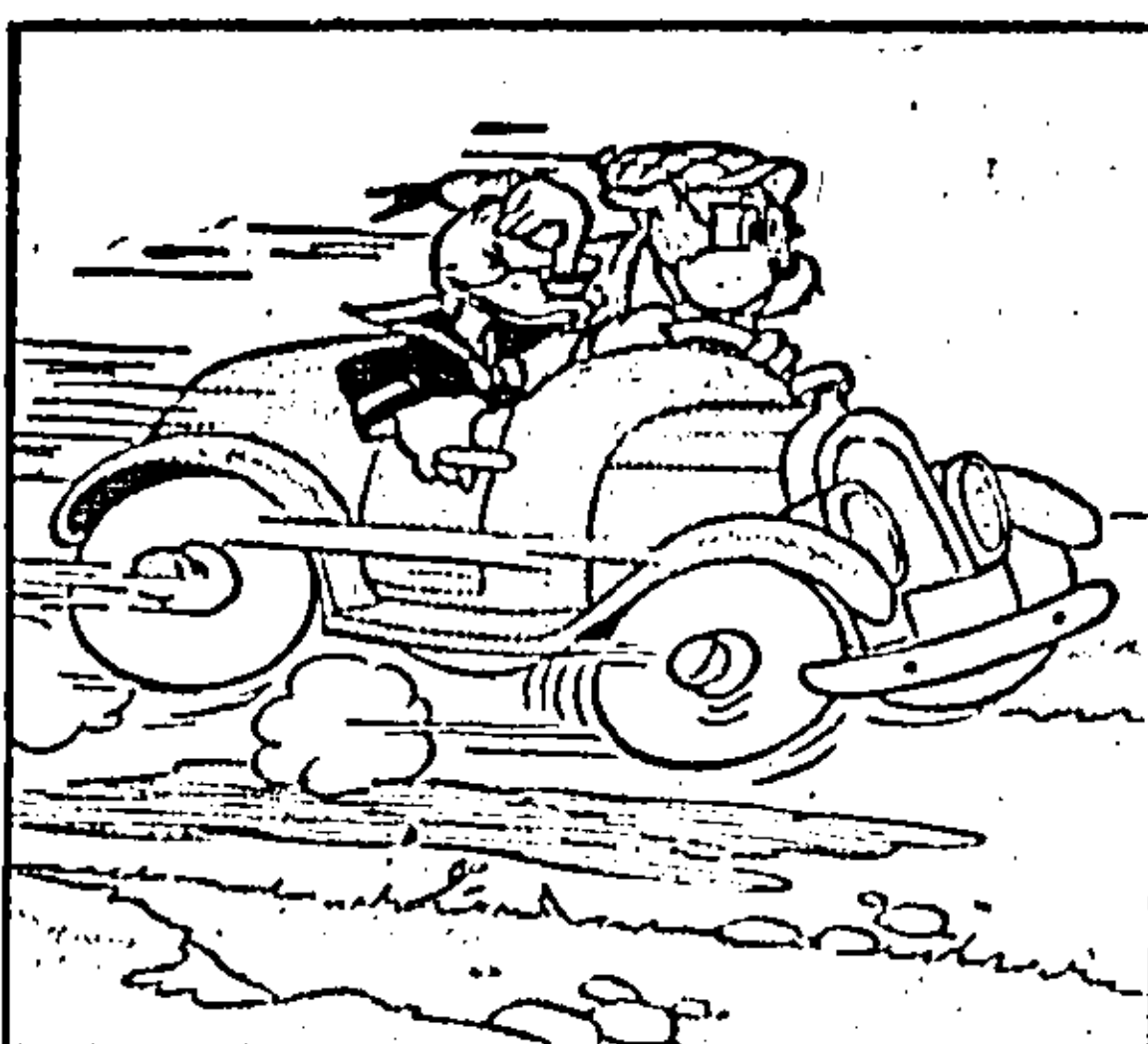
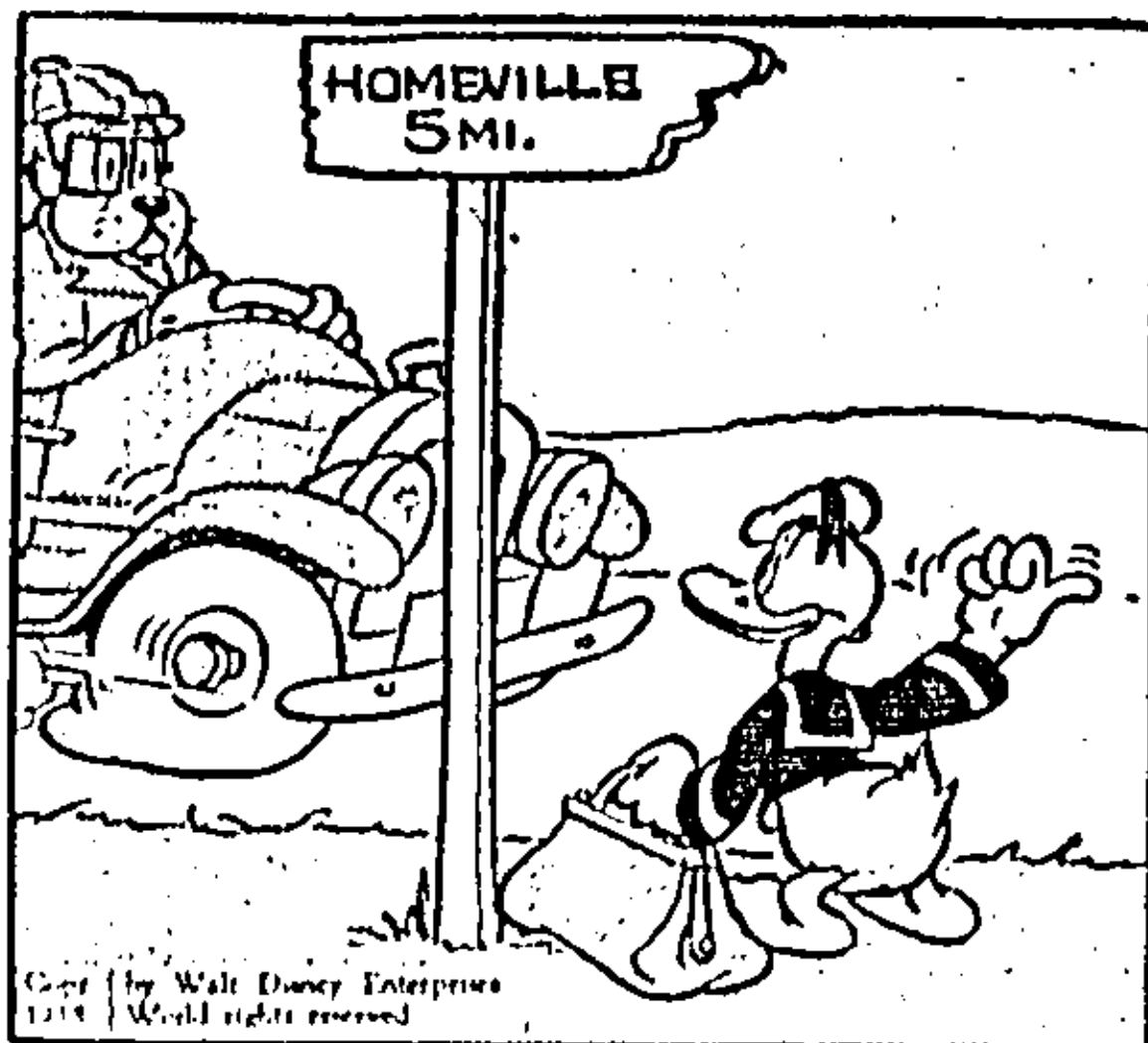
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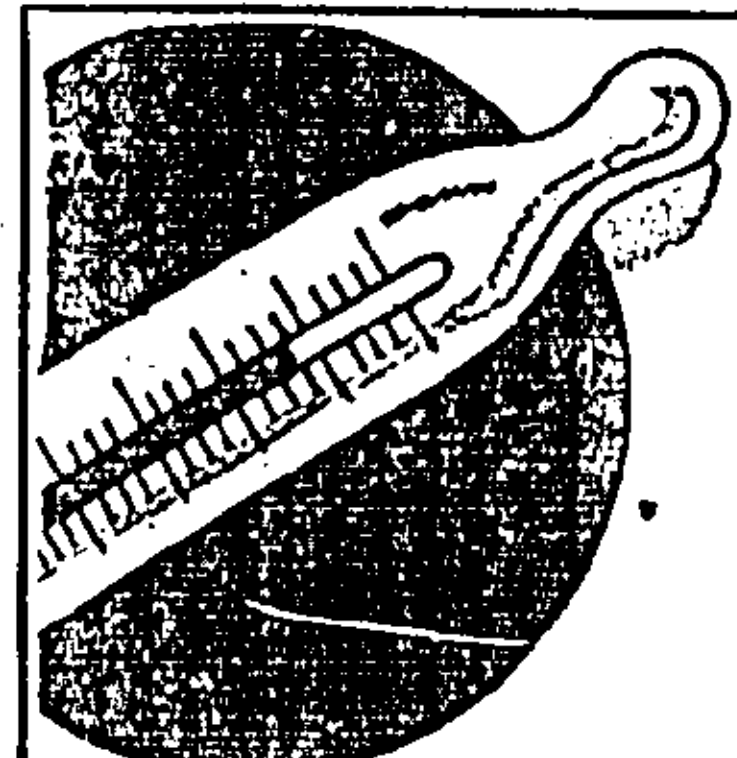
11.15 K.T.
12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 **Kitty Masters (Vocal)** and **Geraldo & His Orchestra.**

You've Got Dust On Your Coat—Fox-Trot... **Geraldo & His Orch.** with Vocal Chorus. Love Is Like A Cigarette (Kent and Jerome). Many Happy Returns Of The Day (Film "Music Hath Charms"). **Kitty Masters (Vocal)** with **Orch.** The Lady In Red—Rumba (Film "In Caliente")... **Geraldo and Rumba Orchestra** with Vocal Chorus. When The Swallows (Stevens and Edmund). Sweetheart, Let's Groove Old Together (Bratton and Edwards). **Kitty Masters (Vocal)** with **Orchestra.** My Heart Is Talking Lessons (Film "Doctor Rhythm"). On The Sentimental Side (Film "Doctor Rhythm")... **Geraldo & His Orch.**
1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 **Billy Mayerl at the Piano.** Sweet Nothings (Rottenberg); Jasmine (A Syncopated Impression—Mayerl); Phil The Fluter's Ball (French-arr. Mayerl); Parade Of The Sandwich-Board Men (Mayerl).
1.15 Reuter and Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.30 **Dance Music.**
Rumba—Maria, My Own; Green Eyes... **Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.** Slow Fox-Trot—My Secret Love Affair (Film "Love-ly to Look At")... **Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.**

1.40 **Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel; Speaker: Rotarian L. W. Amps, Subject: "Success".**
2.15 Close down.
6.0 **Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.**
(a) Gone with the Wind; (b) Satan takes a Holiday; (c) A Serenade to the Stars; (d) Boston Tea Party.
6.14 Record: Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider (Leonard); Sonny Boy (Brown-Henderson)... **Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragmuffins.**
6.21 (a) Picture me without you; (b) On Moonlight Bay; (c) Never in a million years (d) Vieni Vieni.
6.35 Records: Dance Of The Paper Dolls (Schuster and Siras); The Squirrel Dance (Smith)... **Rudy Starita (Xylophone)** with **Piano and Accordion.** Billy Mayerl's Own Selection... **Billy Mayerl (Piano).**
6.44 (a) After you've Gone; (b) Jingle Bells; (c) Malindi Mele; (d) Bugle Call Rag.
7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 **Gilbert and Sullivan Selections.** "The Yeomen Of The Guard"; A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid... **Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson and Nellie Brierecliffe with Orch.** When A Wooser Goes A-Wooling... **Winifred Lawson, Nellie Brierecliffe, D. Oldham and G. Baker; Rapture!**... **D. Gill and P. Dawson with Orchestra.** "The Pirates Of Penzance"... **Tis Mabel! Poor Wandering One...** **Elsie Griffin and Chorus of Girls Singing What Ourselves We To Do, Gentle Sisters, Say...** **Nellie Brierecliffe and Nellie Walker; How Beautifully Blue The Sky...** **Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls.** "The Mikado": The Sun, Whose Rays Are All Ablaze... **Elsie Griffin (Soprano); Brightly Dawning Our Wedding Day...** **E. Griffin, D. Hemmingsway, D. Oldham and G. Baker.**
7.27 Variety Programme including

Billy Bennett, Elsie Carlisle, Ralph Silvester and Jay Wilbur's Band. Saddle Your Blues To A Wild Mustang—Fox-Trot; Poor Little Angeline—Fox-Trot... **Jay Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Refrain.** Outside An Old Stage Door; So Many Memories... **Ralph Silvester (Vocal)** with **Fred Hartley and His Sextet.** Elsie Carlisle Medley... **Elsie Carlisle (Vocal)** with **Orch.; Melodies Of The Month, No. 9...** **Jay Wilbur (Piano)** with **Rhythm Accompaniment; Please let me sleep on Your doorstep To-Night (Leon).** **Billy Bennett and His Kerbatone Quartette with Banjo and Piano; "Hello Blackpool"—Medley...** **Jay Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Chorus.**
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements...
8.03 **Studio-Concert by Geo. Pio-Ulski's String Orchestra.**
1. **Galitza (De Maurizi); 2. Scheiden und Melde—Waltz (Fetras); Interval; A Bowl Of Punch (Mortimer and Murray); Song Of The Baccanier (Mortimer and Leonard)... Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; 3. Andante (Fresco); 4. In A Russian Village (arr. Pio-Ulski); Interval; Granada (Albeniz and Cuencas); Danza 5 (Grandos and Lorente)... Conchita Supervia Mezzo-Soprano with F. Marshall at the Piano; 5. Rapsodie Andalousse (Ross); 6. Dan Rumania (De Maurizi).**
9.0 **A Ballad Recital by Nan Maryska (Soprano), Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Keith Falkner (Baritone).**
Without The Moon (Film "Mayfair Melody"); San Diego Betty (Film "Mayfair Melody")... **Keith Falkner (Baritone)** with **Orchestra and Chorus; A Song Doesn't Care (Film "Mayfair Melody")...** **Keith Falkner (Baritone)** with **Orchestra; Tres Jolie (Jeffries)... Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra; My Lovely Gail (Monro, arr. Lane Wilson); The Lass With The Delicate Air (Michael Arne)... Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton; Merric England—Dances (German)... Orchestra Raymonde cond. by G. Walter; Kathleen Mavourneen (Julia Crawford and Crouch); Killarney (Falconer-Balfour)... **Richard Crooks (Tenor)** with **Orchestra.**
9.30 **London Relay—The News.**
9.50 **Harold Ramsay at the Organ.** Famous Marches Medley; Popular Melodies.
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3—The Thoroughbred; A talk by J. B. Robertson, manager.
10.15 **Dance Music.**
Fox-Trot—Procession Of The Sirdar (from Caucasian Sketches); Symphonic Fox-Trot—Samun... **Sydney Kyte and His Band; Tango Argentino—A Farewell Letter... Heinz Huppertz and His Orch.; Fox-Trot—Musle, Miestro, Please (Film "These Foolish Things; Waltz—The Sweetest Song In The World (Film "We're going to be rich") Henry Jacques and His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra; Quick-Steps—There Goes My Affection; I'm Gonna Look My Heart... Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Tango-Clasico; Llorar Y Reir... Juan Lossas and His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Minuet For A Modern Miss; Plastered In Paris... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood; Fox-Trots—One O'clock Jump; Lullaby In Rhythm... Eddie Carroll and His Swingphone Orchestra; Quickstep—Tone (from "Paprika"); Slow Fox-Trot—Maygar Melody (from "Paprika")... **Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch.**
11.0 Close down.****



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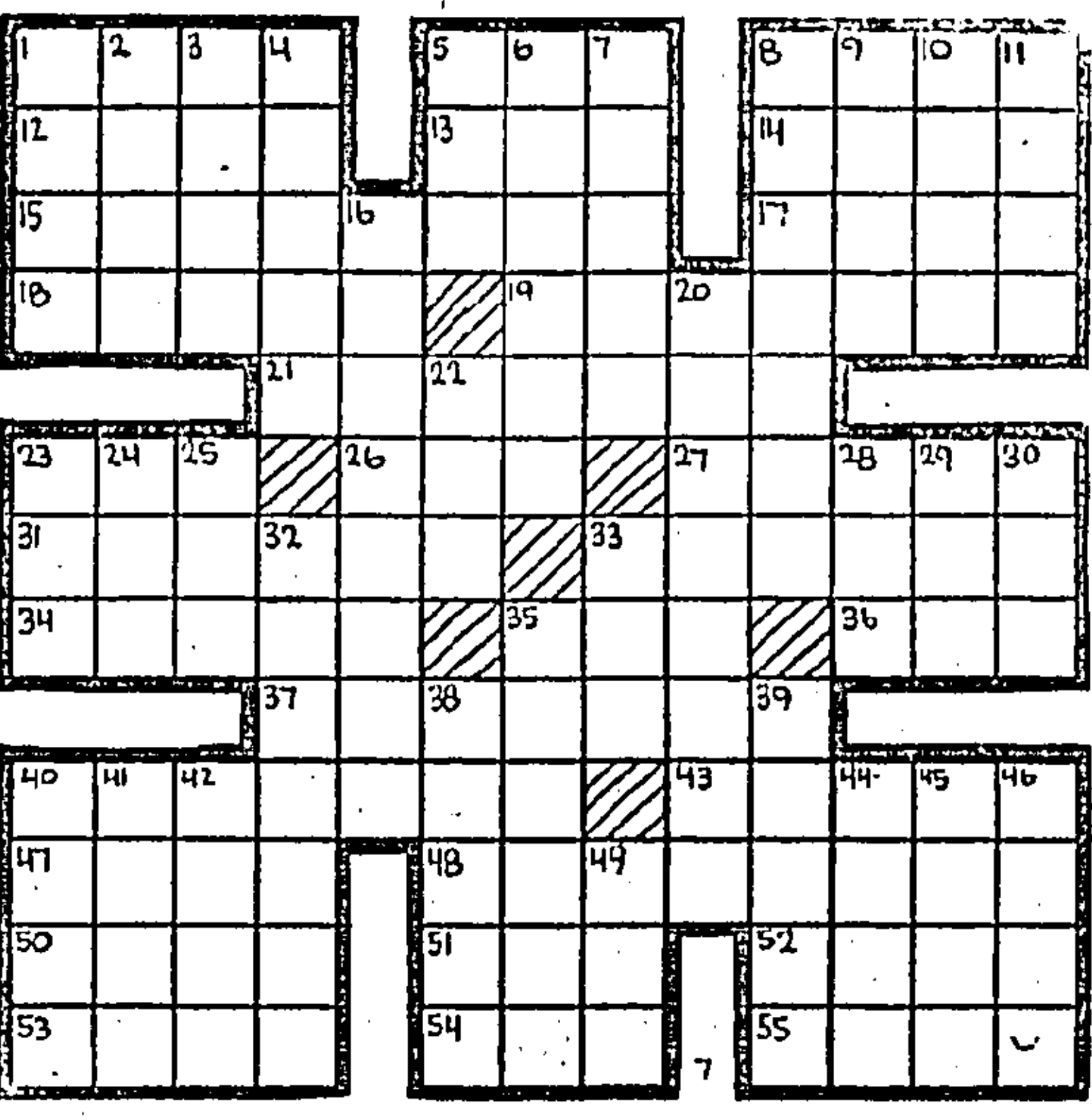
Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—State as proposition
2—Perform
3—Permit to be seen
4—Tactical
5—On same level
6—Tactical name
7—Compensation for labor
8—Work immature
9—Otherwise
10—In to in
11—Enlarged in all directions
12—Device for drawing off liquid
13—Work as
14—Quick to learn
15—Bright star
16—Gain
17—Light, clear red
18—Inundated
19—Drinking-counter
20—Fondle
21—Store urine
22—One who tests
23—Browned bread
24—Cave used to mound
25—One who obtains release of captive for price
26—Genus of plants
27—Union of printers (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
1—Dispatched
2—Terminated
3—Common law
4—Accepted as true
5—North Italian province
6—One who cuts with sword
7—Guard on handle of sword
8—Chapel tongue
9—Unsubstantiated
10—Career of knight
11—Half-crown hares
12—Intense stability
13—Fonks
14—Dilatation (col.)
15—Breeding
16—Clasp
17—Place
18—Litter
19—Are able to
20—Group
21—Weird
22—Chimney
23—Direct wanderer
24—Turn into emulgar
25—Turn water
26—Make an end of, as
27—Illusion
28—Blindly mine
29—Mechanism for catching animals
30—Drover in current

DOWN
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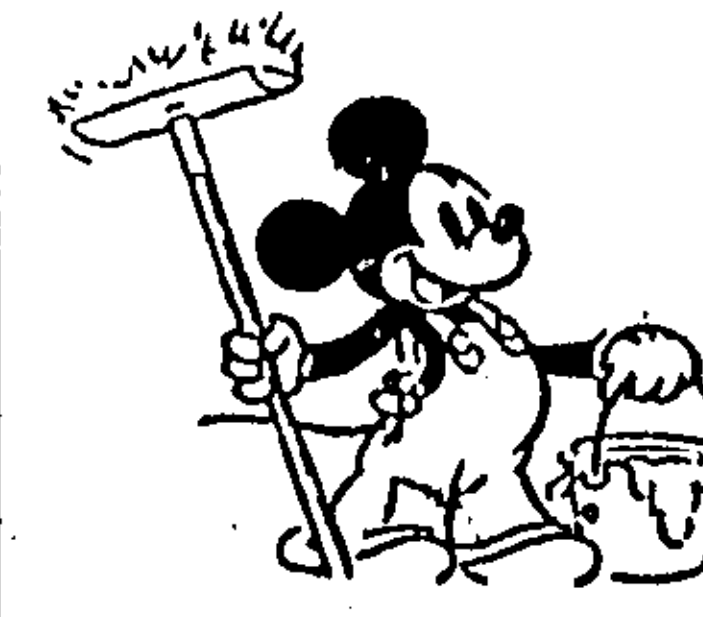
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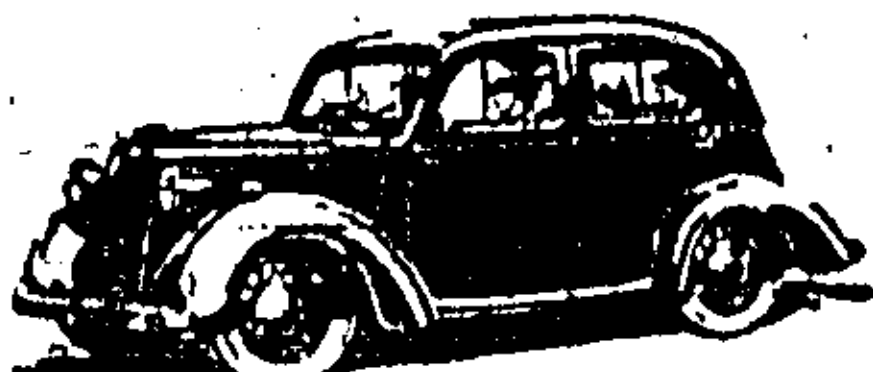
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The British Note

THE TONE of the British Note to Tokyo can leave no doubt but that Japan's relations with third Powers are rapidly approaching a climax.

For eighteen months, the Japanese militarists in China have ridden rough-shod over the rights of subjects of friendly States, and their violation of the tenets of the Nine Power Pact to which their Government pledged its word has been so complete that the Treaty-to-day may be considered non-existent.

It is interesting to note the four pledges Japan made with reference to China in that Treaty.

She agreed, firstly, to respect the sovereignty, the independence and the territorial and administrative integrity of China. She has violated this clause.

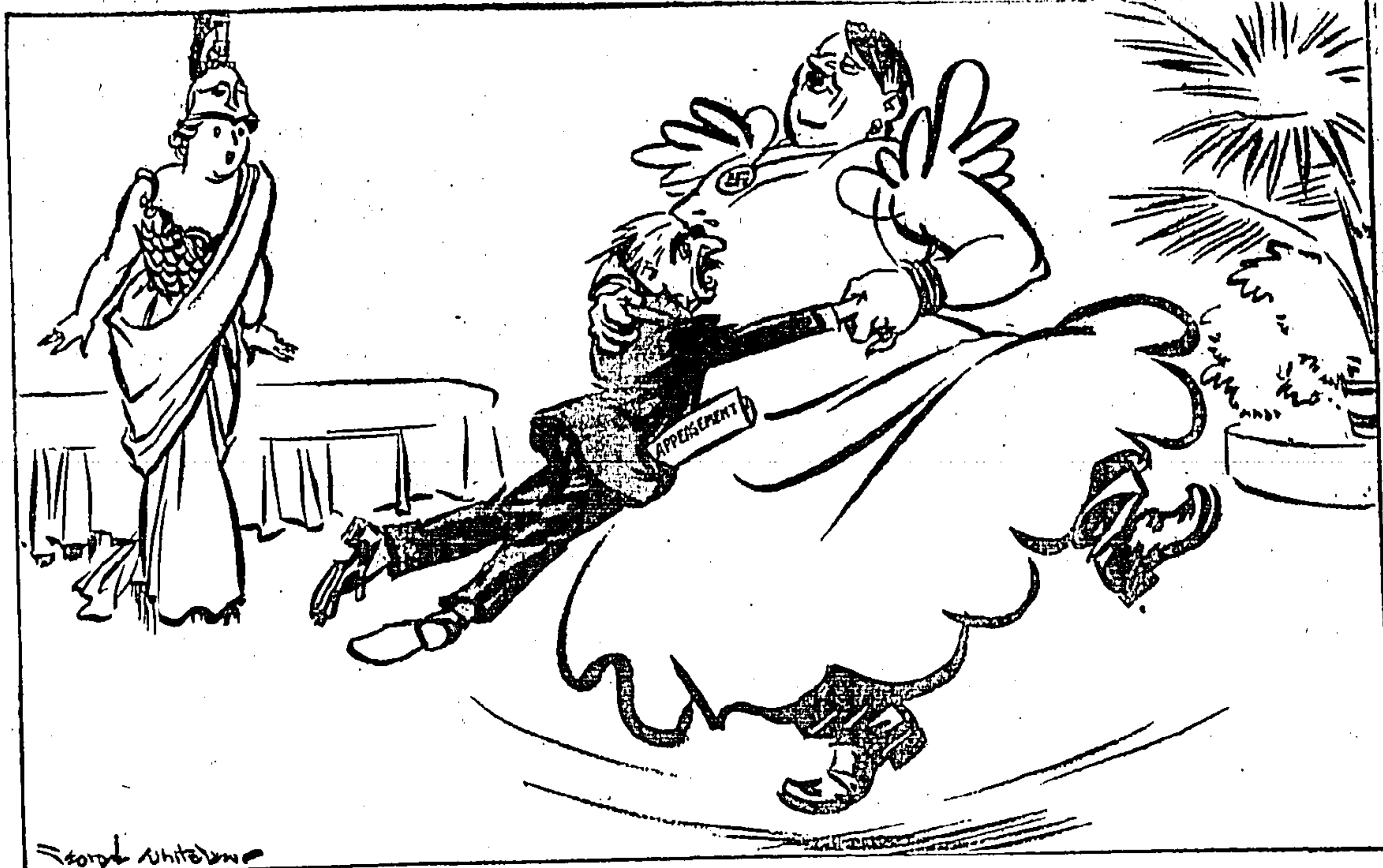
She agreed to provide the fullest and most unembarrassed opportunity to China to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable government. She has violated this clause.

She agreed to use, in conjunction with the other signatory Powers, her influence for the purpose of effectually establishing and maintaining the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations throughout the territory of China. The violation of this clause has drawn forth the British and American Notes of Protest.

She agreed to refrain from taking advantage of conditions in order to seek special rights or privileges which would abridge the rights of subjects or citizens of friendly States, and from countenancing action inimical to the security of such States. She has violated this clause.

The British Note allows no equivocation, and is probably the sternest protest Great Britain has despatched to a foreign Power in many years. It brings Great Britain into line with another great Democracy—the United States, which despatched a similarly worded note to Japan just before the end of the year.

If the two great countries on either side of the Atlantic continue to move in step in this fashion within reference to Japan, the issue of Third Power rights in China will not long be left in doubt.



DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH

Sir Samuel Hoare's big day

by STUART FLETCHER

RATHER more than a hundred years ago a gentleman named Samuel Hoare, an ancestor of the Home Secretary, whose proposals for penal reform in England were reported recently, was urging upon prison governors of his time the widespread introduction of the treadmill into our jails.

As Chairman of the Prison Discipline Society, Samuel Hoare was in a position to talk with some authority of its "conspicuous advantages with regard to the moral benefits resulting to the prisoner."

The use of the treadmill had been first suggested in the Penitentiary Act of 1779, which directed prison governors to keep their charges at "labour of the hardest and most servile kind in which drudgery is chiefly required, and where the work is little liable to be spoiled by ignorance, neglect and obstinacy."

ONLY a few years before this prisons were dens of such utter frightfulness that a detailed description of them is impossible in a reputable newspaper.

They were run as private profit-making concerns. Their keepers made money out of the inmates by starving them, torturing them, or exacting bribes; by harshly exploiting their labour and, when they were women, forcibly selling their virtue to outside visitors as well as to those inmates who could afford to pay the procurer's price. Innocent unfortunates were

hurled into the midst of the most depraved characters, sanitation was just a word of ten letters with no further significance, and five thousand prisoners died every year from jail fever, a form of typhus peculiar to English prisons.

It was by no means a rare occurrence when, in 1750, a Lord Mayor, two judges, and several jurymen and officers of the court died from jail fever caught from the prisoners at the Old Bailey.

PRISONS at this time, of course, had nothing to do with punishment. They were merely hovels, dens, and dungeons where guilty, innocent, and witnesses alike awaited trial.

Punishment for all but the most trifling offences unconnected with property consisted of either transportation by way of the scaffold to another world or transportation by way of the Atlantic to the New World.

About a thousand convicts were transported every year to Britain's American territory. One result of America's successful War of Independence was that 200 offences previously punishable by transportation became capital offences.

The rest of the transportees were accommodated on hulks, converted vessels in the Thames or at Portsmouth, where the conditions were as horrible as those in the jails on shore.

The first agitation for reform

was made by John Howard, an austere Evangelical, who quite fortuitously became Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 1773, and, instead of regarding his ceremonial duties as his predecessors had done as a harmless charade, took them so earnestly that before long he had become a self-appointed prison investigator.

He spent the remaining sixteen years of his life braving the typhus-haunted horrors of British jails and exposing the scandals he found there.

His hair-raising evidence in Parliament resulted in the Penitentiary Bill of 1779, which in its turn finally produced the three-quarters-of-a-million pound Millbank Prison on the site now occupied by the Tate Gallery, and the numerous other "model" prisons that followed it.

INCIDENTALLY, some of the urgent need for prisons to accommodate lawbreakers passed with Captain Cook's discovery of a new transportation dump in Australia. Between 1787 and 1867 150,000 men and women were sent out as convicts to Australia.

One of Howard's enthusiasms, the result of his shock at the Horatian horrors of 18th century jails, was for solitude in which the criminal could become morally regenerated by isolation from corrupt influences and by meditation upon higher things. Designed on this principle the new jails of

the early 19th century confined the prisoner as far as possible to his cell, or (carefully "depersonalised" by a mask—these masks were retained as part of prison uniform until the end of the 19th century) to the treadmill shed and the chapel.

WITHIN the prisons the result was widespread suicide and insanity. Outside, meanwhile, the Industrial Revolution, the Corn Laws and the Chartist agitations produced a fifty per cent. increase in the number of criminal offences. The State's answer to poverty was the prison.

While solitary confinement was being elaborated in some jails, a silence system was being worked out at others. According to this theory prisoners could work, eat, exercise, even sleep in the same rooms, but they must never talk to one another.

Conditions varied from one prison to another. All were bad in some degree, and the slightest leakage to the outside world of humanitarian treatment of prisoners called forth angry protests.

For example, "I would banish," wrote the Liberal Sydney Smith, "all the looms at Preston Jail and substitute nothing but the treadmill or the capstan, or some species of labour where the labourer could not see the results of his toil, where it is as monotonous, irksome, and dull as possible."

With such sadism to confront, it took the reformers, a long procession of men and women with Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, the Quaker, as their inspiring example, very many years of protests before Parliament in 1877 centralised the control and conduct of the nation's prisons, and in 1894 swept away the solitary system as a general principle and substituted useful industries, such as millbag-making, for the foolish torture of the crank and the treadmill.

SINCE then many of the more blatant anomalies of prison life have been removed. Voluntary workers are welcomed instead of being regarded as, to quote a former chairman of the Prison Commission, "a source of difficulty." Labour conditions, food, and health services have improved. Solitary confinement has been abolished except as a punishment.

But whenever, after reading the dreadful contents of the Webb's "English Prisons under Local Government," should feel that those bad old days are gone, should also read the Galvies' book, "The Lawbreaker," and, better still, "The Truth About English Prisons," by a distinguished ex-prisoner, Mark Bennet, in order to offset complacency.

We are to some extent and by comparison with certain other countries a free people. But those of us who are Socialists believe that within a framework of voluntary discipline a greater freedom than we possess is obtainable.

The application of this to the question of the criminal has been best stated by Bernard Shaw: "Imprisonment cannot be fully understood by those who do not understand freedom."

Eight Men Criminals To One Woman

DO you know that the most lawless age is 13? And that there are eight times as many men criminals as women?

These facts are given in the Criminal Statistics for 1937, issued by the Home Office recently.

THE number of people found guilty of offences of all kinds in 1937 was 805,336.

There were 483,689 people found guilty of traffic offences—about 60 per cent. of the total.

Those guilty of "real" crimes number 77,529, and the police figures show that the value of property stolen during the year was under £5 in 77 per cent. of the cases, and above £100 in only about 1 per cent.

Which shows you how much petty crime there is.

To get back to the lawless age: of every 1,000 boys aged 13, 13.5 were found guilty of indictable offences. This figure drops to 10 for boys of 15, to 8 for boys of 17 and 18, to 6.8 for youths of 19, to 5.3 for those aged 21 to 25; to 4 for men of 25 to

30, to 3 for men of 30 to 40, and to 1.8 between 40 and 60.

The age of 13 is twice as lawless as the age of 19, and the age of 10 is twice as lawless as that of 30.

THE figures for women show a similar decrease of lawlessness with increase of age. The most lawless age groups are those of girls of 15 to 18. Thereafter there is a continuous decrease in every age group.

Among every 10,000 women and girls last year, there were five indictable offenders; among every 10,000 men and boys there were 39.

The report makes this comment in regard to youthful offenders: "The large number of young people who appear before the courts, and the question of what are the best methods of checking their lawlessness, are matters requiring serious consideration."

"For many years the policy of the courts has been so to deal with the young offenders as not to turn them into lawless adults. The figures suggest that this policy has met with a substantial measure of success."

A General's Views On Hatless Women

BRIGADIER-GENERAL STEPHEN LUSHINGTON, outspoken critic of the modern generation, has resigned his chairmanship of the Aldershot magistrates for health reasons, it was announced recently.

General Lushington, who is 74, had presided for six years.

He was always insistent that a woman appearing in his court should wear a hat.

"Do you possess a hat?" he once asked a girl witness. "Yes," replied the girl, "but I haven't got it here."

"It is an insult to the Court and a disreputable proceeding," retorted General Lushington, and disallowed the girl's expenses.

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On another occasion he told a hatless woman witness: "You are invoking God's name to what you are going to say. Do you consider that you have invoked it with due respect to God without a hat?"

"Certainly," replied the woman.

"I never won a hat."

After assuring the chairman that she was not acting with any disrespect to her oath, the witness was allowed to give evidence bareheaded.

His successor as chairman is another retired Army officer—Lieut. Colonel E. C. Ogilvie, who is 71.

JAPANESE NEWSPAPER ATTACK ON BRITAIN

TOKYO, Jan. 16. THE ANSWER to the Japanese press to the British note is sharp and bitter.

Leading Government organs declare that an understanding between Japan and England is completely out of the question as long as Britain refuses to recognize Japan's mission in the Far East, and continues to lend her entire support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The "Hochi Shimbun" characterized the British accusations against Japan as absurd, and declared: "England must have lost her senses." Justifying the Japanese action in placing a garrison in China by the assertion that the new Chinese Government had requested it, the paper sharply denounces the British statement that through her action Japan had violated Chinese sovereignty.

"HE DID IT FIRST"

As regards the Nine-Power Treaty, the paper declared that in repudiating it, Japan would merely be following the example of the Soviet Union which has long since repudiated all agreements signed with other Powers.

They were also following the lead of Germany and Italy, both of whom had declared the Versailles Treaty to be null and void.

The Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" states that should England choose to support Chiang Kai-shek further, Japan will be compelled to regard her as her "arch enemy."—Trans-Ocean.

Former Ambassador On Hit-Run Charge

Hanover, Virginia, Jan. 16. Mr. William Dodd, former United States Ambassador to Berlin, has been indicted on a charge of hit-and-run driving.

The charge arises from an accident in which a four-year-old negro girl was knocked down and badly injured. When informed of the accident, Mr. Dodd said that the girl ran across the road; he swerved, and he thought he had missed her.

The hearing is fixed for March 2.—Reuter.

New Translation Of Bible For Catholics

London, Jan. 16. A new English translation of the Holy Bible for Roman Catholics is to begin shortly.

Father Ronald Knox, who is undertaking the work, is resigning his Catholic Chaplaincy at Oxford in order to devote full time to the task.

The translation will be made from a fourth century Latin version of the Bible.

Scotland Yard On Explosion Mysteries

London, Jan. 16. Scotland Yard is investigating three mysterious street explosions, one in London and two in Manchester, which have resulted in the deaths of two people and serious injury to three others.

One was killed and one injured when an explosion in London ripped up hundreds of yards of pavement.

One was killed and two injured in two similar explosions in Manchester.

H.K. COUPLE MARRIED

Lt. St. John Weds Miss Elva Skinn

LIEUTENANT Oliver John Frank Lockwood St. John, R.N., formerly of H.M.S. Cumberland in Hongkong, was married on Thursday, December 29, at St. Anne's Church, Kow Green, to Miss Elva Rosemary Skinn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Skinn, of Hongkong.

The bridegroom, who is now attached to the submarine service, is the son of Lt. Col. the Hon. Rowland and Mrs. St. John, of 57 Ennerdale Road, Richmond. He is a grandson of the late Lord St. John of Bletsoe and cousin of the present Lord St. John, and is also grandson of the late Sir Frank Lockwood, q.c., m.p.

The bridegroom and his best man, Lt. Colin Hume Henderson, R.N., both wore full dress uniform, and the bride's little page, her cousin, David Candlin, wore the miniature uniform of a naval petty officer, with the cap ribbon of H.M.S. Dolphin, the depot of the submarine service to which the bridegroom is now attached.

The Rev. Francis Leonard, of the Royal Navy, the Rev. G. Mostyn-Pritchard, Vicar of St. Anne's Church, and the Rev. C. D. Pronger officiated.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Arthur Hugh Candlin. She wore a full skirted ivory dress, with a short train and veil of Brussels net, applied with lace motifs, worn with a wreath of miniature Arum lilies. Her pearl necklace and earrings were the gift of her father, and her diamond naval crown brooch was the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a Victorian bouquet of white flowers tied with blue ribbons.

Six Bridesmaids. The bridesmaids were the Misses Margaret and Diana Candlin, Hazel

Italian Attacks On France Intensified

ROME, Jan. 16.

THE "INFORMAZIONE DIPLOMATICA," official organ of the Italian Foreign Office, to-day outlined the conversations between Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini during the Rome parleys.

The organ states that Signor Mussolini warned Mr. Chamberlain that Italy would resume freedom of action if any foreign nation sent troops or assistance to the Loyalists in Spain.

Signor Mussolini told Mr. Chamberlain that the conditions which must be fulfilled before Italy would consent to a withdrawal of volunteers from Spain were the withdrawal first of all volunteers with the Loyalists and the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco.

Mussolini is said to have informed the British Premier that the Spanish question was the main obstacle to a resumption of friendly relations to be resumed until the end of the war in Spain. "This should end all rumours that Italy is asking Great Britain to mediate between Italy and France," the official organ says, commenting on the statement.

In another Rome newspaper, Signor Gayda accuses France of aiding the Loyalists for the past two years, and describes France's action as an organized plot against Spanish freedom.

In Paris, M. Leon Blum, writing in his newspaper "Le Populaire," pleads for the re-opening of the French frontier into Spain. He declares that Italy wants to keep the frontier closed while, at the same time, she is pouring troops into Insurgent Spain.

ANTI-FRENCH PRESS

Rome, Jan. 16. A violently anti-French tone again pervades the Italian press to-day.

Signor Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" accuses the French of provocation, and says that the things to come to a point between France and Italy were not only the dispute about the treaties involved, but the question of Italian national honour.

The French obstinately insists upon insulting Italy by hostile manifestations, although they had been warned what may be the consequences.—Reuter.

SPECIAL DUTY ON EGG IMPORTS REVOKED

London, Jan. 16. An order issued on the recommendation of the Import Duties Advisory Committee revokes the specific duties which are charged under the Finance Act of 1935 in substitution for a general ad valorem duty on eggs, not in their shell.

Accordingly these goods are again liable from January 18, to a general ad valorem duty of 10 per cent.—Reuter.

CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MIDDLE EAST TOUR

London, Jan. 16. Viscount Gort, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is leaving London on January 26 for a tour of inspection of the Middle East.

He will be absent from London for a few weeks.—Reuter.

Verity Young (cousins of the bridegroom) and Miss Elva Skinn, sister of the bridegroom and the Hon. Sybil St. John, cousin of the bridegroom.

The brides were of ivory net, over delphinium moire, with wreaths of small pink and blue flowers. They carried French fans of painted gauze with silver sequins, the gift of the bridegroom.

The ushers were Mr. Stephen St. John, R.A., Mr. Beauchamp St. John, Mr. Hugh Lawson Johnston, and Mr. Wilfred Young.

The church was decorated with holly evergreens, with Christmas trees, electrically illuminated on either side of the chancel steps, while the altar cases contained Madonna lilies.

Before the service, which was choral, the organist played Walter Music by Handel and at the entry of the bride the Hymn "O Father, all Creating." The Hymn "O Perfect Love" was sung, and after the Blessing, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell." The Choral song during the signing of the register was Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

As the guests left the church for the reception at Prince's Hall, Richmond, the bells were pealed.

After the reception, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon, the bride wearing for travelling a two-piece suit of soft blue angora cloth, flecked with grey, a leopard skin coat and navy blue hat, bag and shoes.

British Pro-Consul For Trial

London, Jan. 16.

The reasons which led to the arrest of the British pro-Consul in San Sebastian, Mr. Golding, and his wife, have, according to informed quarters here, been communicated by the Burgos authorities to the British representative, Mr. Cecil Jerram, but no communication regard his nature has been made.

It is stated that the trial of Mr. and Mrs. Golding will take place shortly, and will be held in public.

A third person, Senora Largaude, who was employed in the Goldings' office, will be charged at the same time.

It is added that the British Government has taken the necessary steps for counsel to be instructed for the defence.—Trans-Ocean.

Old Age Pensions In United States

Washington, Jan. 16.

A special message to Congress from President Roosevelt recommends a wide expansion of the Social Security Act.

It advises commencement of payment of old age pensions at an earlier date, as well as liberalisation of pensions, greater protection for dependent children, the extension of unemployment and old age protection, and increases in Federal grants to States.—Reuter.

Rio-Washington Axis Planned

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 16.

The establishment of a "Rio-Washington Axis" against territorial influences is to be discussed when Sen. Aranha, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, goes to Washington next week at the invitation of President Roosevelt. It was stated unofficially here to-day.

Commercial problems interesting to both countries will also be discussed.—Reuter.

Severe Gales Lash United Kingdom

London, Jan. 16.

The United Kingdom suffered severely from heavy gales during the week-end.

In London yesterday, the temperature at 9 a.m. was 52, which is eight degrees above normal.

Shipping received a heavy battering, especially in the Irish Sea. Roads are flooded in many areas, especially in Yorkshire.

LARCENY OF BOXES

Purchaser Opposes Their Return to Owner

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Yim-nam, alias Wong Kwong-hing, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's yesterday, when he was found guilty of larceny of 20 sets of camouflaged boxes valued at \$760, on September 11. A second charge of having fraudulently converted the sum of \$760 to his own use was dismissed.

Mr. M. A. da Silva prosecuted for the complainant, Pua Niam-shun, while Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios appeared for Wong. Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho was present for Ip Hon-ling, the purchaser of the boxes.

At a previous hearing Wong was alleged to have obtained the boxes by saying he was a buyer from the Kwan Shing Cheong firm. He later sold the boxes to Ip on November 10, and the police took them over about 10 days later.

After Mr. Forrest had ruled that Wong had a case to answer in regard to the larceny of the boxes, defendant elected to give evidence. His replies were so conflicting and different to those given by the solicitor for his defence, that an adjournment was suggested by the Magistrate. After half an hour's adjournment, Mr. Remedios said his client did not wish to give any further evidence.

At the conclusion of the case, Mr. Silva asked for an order for return of the boxes to complainant. This was opposed by Mr. Botelho, who quoted several authorities in support of his contention. The decision regarding this point was adjourned until Saturday.

THEFT OF TROUSERS

Appearing on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's yesterday, Chan Yu-mo, a cook, was fined \$10, or four weeks' hard labour, when found guilty of stealing a pair of trousers from Chan Chiu-fong, a prostitute, at Swatow Lane on Friday.

Chan entered the house in Swatow Lane on the pretext of looking for some person, and took the trousers, which were lying on a bed. He was wearing the trousers when arrested.

Medico's Death In Shameen

Dr. Paul Todd Was Beloved By Chinese

DR. PAUL TODD, the famous English physician in Canton, died of heart disease yesterday morning in Shameen.

Founder of several hospitals and medical schools in Canton, Dr. Todd was one of the leading personalities in the medical circles in south China. He gained great friendship with the Chinese when he, then more than 60 years old, led a medical corps of Cantonese doctors and nurses to establish a field hospital at the front in the Nanking-Shanghai railway zone shortly after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The doctor returned to Shameen only recently with a number of nurses by a gunboat, to participate in medical service to war-refugees in the doomed city, after his return from England from previous illness.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
Jan. (1939)	8.40/38	9.35/35
Mar. (1939)	8.40/38	9.35/35
May (1939)	8.13/13	8.13/14
July (1939)	7.89/89	7.87/87
Oct. (1939)	7.48/48	7.30N
Dec. (1939)	7.52/52	7.41N
Spot		8.03
New York Rubber		
Mar. (1939)	16.00/03	16.03 /03
May	15.95 /05	15.93 /05
September		15.90 /08
October		15.97/08a
December		
Chicago Wheat		
May	68 3/4/68 1/4	68 3/4/68 1/4
July	68 3/4/68 1/4	68 3/4/68 1/4
September	69 3/4/69 1/4	69 3/4/69 1/4
Saturday's sales:	7,025,000 bushels.	
Chicago Corn		
May	52 1/2/52	52 1/2/52 1/2
July	53 /53 1/4	53 /53 1/4
September	53 1/4/53 1/4	54 3/4/54 1/4
Winnipeg Wheat		
May	62 /62	62 /62
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 3/4/62 3/4
October		63 /63

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

Conditions on the local market remain quiet, only a small business passing at quotations.

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1400
Canton Insurance	\$300
Union Insurance	\$170
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$175
Doyle's	\$175
H. & S. Hotels (New)	\$17.20
H. & S. Hotels	\$6.70
Humphreys	\$8.34
Vacca Electrica	\$17.30
Sandwell's	\$10.10
H.K. Ropes	\$4
Dairy Farms	\$2
Entertainments	\$1
Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1420
Union Insurance	\$170
China Underwriters	\$9.70
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$105
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$15 1/2/53 1/2
Providence (Old)	\$14 1/2
H. & S. Hotels (New)	\$17.20
H.K. Land	\$37 1/2
H.K. Rentals	\$3.05
H.K. Tramways	\$17.60
Peak Tram (New)	\$4
H.K. Electric	\$37
Telephones (New)	\$3.50
Watsons	\$1 1/2
Constructions	\$1 1/2
Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1460
Canton Insurance	\$310
China Lights (Rights)	\$3.45
H.K. Electric	\$37 1/2
Antoniou	\$5
Atoka	\$7 1/2
Rapido Gold	23
Coco Grove	51
Consolidated Mines	203
Democrat	24
I. X. L.	62
San Maurilio	100
Suyce	1 1/2
United Petroleum	69

French Demarche To Japan

Paris, Jan. 16.

The French Government is shortly making a demarche to Japan, asking for further information on the recent declaration of Japanese statesmen concerning Japan's policy in China, and the application of the Nine-Power Treaty.

Similar demarches have been made by Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

Mr. Paul Vernon Revelly has been appointed Assistant Wireless Engineer to the General Post Office as from January 5.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The evils of the credit system which flourishes in this Colony are too frequently exemplified to need much comment. Indeed it would hardly be much use commenting at length upon them—they would go on just the same. But we would just like to say a word or two about them. The credit principle is a handy one when used in reason, but in the Far East generally, and Hongkong in particular, it is grossly abused. By the Algerians, only last week, three individuals left this Colony "under a cloud" through nothing else but the fatal facility with which they could run up accounts with tradesmen and brokers.

25 YEARS AGO

This morning the Hon. Mr. Claud Goven, Colonial Secretary, distributed the prizes at the Diocesan School before a large gathering over which the Bishop of Victoria presided, supported by the Rev. V. H. C. Moyle, secretary, and Mr. Hery, head master.

The school's successes in sport were very satisfactory in all branches. At the Hongkong Schools' Athletic meeting in April it won events, including the Quarter-mile Challenge Cup gained by A. J. Kew.

We have, before now, remarked on certain spots in the Colony where more light is badly wanted. Kowloon is notorious in this respect, but there are places in Victoria itself where an extra street lamp or two could be placed with advantage. One of the worst is the long flight of steps in Chancery Lane where the absence of a light, half-way down, makes the passage at night positively dangerous. On the other side of the water are several dark places. One is peculiar in the Hongkong School which is surely of sufficient length to justify the erection of at least one lamp. Less imperative, perhaps, but still desirable is the provision of a lamp or two at the base of Signal Hill. This road is less used than many others, it is true, but it is sufficiently used to merit one light.

Inspectors P. and M. O'Sullivan who have been away on leave in Ireland for the past nine months returned to the Colony this morning, bringing with them their brides.

The Kowloon British School, for European Children of all ages, reopens on Monday, the 19th inst.—A. T. Hamilton, Headmaster.

10 YEARS AGO

The sensational piratical attack on the s.s. Irene, owned by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, which had an amazing ending, the ship being sunk by gunfire from H. M. Submarine L1 (Commander F. J. C. Mahan) at Lian Day in October, 1927, was recalled before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gault) in the Supreme Court this morning, when the owners brought an action against Lieutenant Commander Mahan for damages, alleging wrongful sinking of the Irene.

The ship was attacked by pirates on the evening of Wednesday, October 10, when on a voyage from Shanghai to Amoy, Lt. Buss Day L1. Submarine L1 came on the scene and signalled the Irene (then proceeding onwards) to stop, which the pirates refused to do. The submarine then fired a warning shot across the bows, and when this had no effect, a second shot was fired which struck the ship's engine room.

The Irene sank in flames, while heroic rescue work by the Navy captained by the men of L1, who saved 222 persons, was a feature of the occurrence.

Practically ever since litigation has been proceeding in Chambers over the claim, which was made public for the first time this morning.

5 YEARS AGO

The story of the worst disaster in the great earthquake which struck India on Monday has yet to be told. It is now revealed that hundreds of people were killed at Kuzhaffur, in Northern Bihar. Communications have been cut off and only the scantiest news has come through. The town has been reduced to ruins and the streets are strewn with corpses.

Latest earthquake reports show that the casualty toll was much higher than first believed. At least one hundred persons were killed and over five hundred were badly injured. The casualties occurred over a wide area. Twelve thousand houses either collapsed or were badly damaged; the damage to property amounting to at least \$750,000. It has been established that the centre of origin of the disturbances lay between the Ganges Valley and the Nepal foothills.

From messages from different parts of India show that the damage done at Patna and Jamnagar was much more extensive than was at first reported. It is stated many houses collapsed at Darjeeling, causing several deaths.

Outside Manchukuo, the enthronement of Puyi as Emperor is unlikely to modify public opinion in favour of Japanese policy, in the opinion of the "Times," which devotes a leading article to the forthcoming Coronation of Henry VIII.

The "Times" says that European and American opinion will require more evidence than mere change of title that the elevation of the Chief Executive to the Throne will make Manchukuo any less a client State of Japan, while at Nanking and in Southern China this re-affirmation of Japanese refusal to accept even a very shadowy Chinese suzerainty over Manchuria will hardly improve Sino-Japanese relations.

Fowchow is now definitely under the control of Nanking, thus clarifying a somewhat ambiguous situation.

It is understood that the troops of the Sixth Route Army left behind in the retreat south, have all crossed the Min River after fighting a rearguard action with Nanking marines and are now moving south to rejoin the main body.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

any-turvey dismantel
lsey-wooly ricketts
ph-falutin distmiltude
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 8.

TENOVA SOCKS

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ST. ANDREW'S "A" NOW FAVOURITES FOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

St. John's Defeated In Important Encounter

St. Andrew's "A" went an important step further towards winning the "B" Division of the badminton league last night when they received and defeated the champions, St. John's Cathedral, by six games to three.

The encounter provided some of the best league badminton seen this season, and the spectators were thoroughly excited by the rousing rallies and close results.

St. Andrew's were a perfectly balanced team with especially good form being shown by their third string, Brown and Gillis. They are probably the best third couple of any team in the division, and proved their value last night by winning two games.

St. John's were grand losers, and with the slightest bit of luck might well have turned the result in their favour. However, on the evening's display, St. Andrew's were a trifle superior and deserved to win.

The encounter of the evening was that between E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's "A") beat Kwok and Beavan 21-13; lost to Smith and Wilson 20-24; beat Kwok and Newman 21-9.

W. M. Gillies and A. E. Brown (St. Andrew's "A") lost to Kwok and Beavan 14-21; beat Smith and Wilson 21-10; beat Kwok and Newman 21-7.

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (St. Andrew's "A") lost to Kwok and Beavan 14-21; beat Smith and Wilson 21-12; beat Mackay and Chan 21-17.

F. Tsang and J. Chen (St. Andrew's "A") lost to Anderson and Smith 17-21; lost to Soares and Tsang 11-21; lost to Mackay and Chan 14-21.

King's College were at home to University "B" in the "A" Division of the League last evening and won the tie by 7-2.

A meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association Council will be held on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

Included in the agenda will be a discussion on the approaching annual Colony Championships.

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DOMESTIC TIE
At Kowloon Tong last evening, the "A" defeated the "B" by 5-4.

Games:
P. Lo and P. Fletcher ("A") beat J. L. Anderson and J. Smith 21-14; beat J. A. de V. Soares and J. Tsang 21-18; lost to N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 14-21.

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Kowloon Tong "A" 6 6 0 37 17 12
St. John's "A" 6 2 2 58 13 12
Chung Wah 5 3 2 25 20 6
Recreio 6 3 1 30 24 6
K. Tong "B" 7 3 4 34 29 6
V.R.C. 6 2 4 17 37 4
Wanderers 6 1 5 19 35 2
S. and S. Home 6 0 6 6 48 0
St. Andrew's "B" 5 0 5 1 44 0

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SAFE—Eva Churn, captain of the Cubs, is shown here heating the ball to first base by inches in Sunday's softball match against the Canadian Chinese girls. The Canadians won by 21-9.—Photo by Jaffer.

Here And There With "Abe"

New Holders Of Ladies' Doubles Tennis Title

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Chu Chiu-chiu and Mrs. Williams on their success in the Ladies' Doubles tennis championship of the Colony. On Sunday they met Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Skinner in the final at the United Services R.C. and won by 6-1, 6-3. That they won was more or less expected by many of those who had been following the progress of the ladies' tennis championships this winter; but the ease with which they did so must have surprised even their most optimistic supporters. They, however, almost always emerged winners in the long driving duels, which were a feature of the match, and their strokes always seemed more effective than those of Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Skinner. As both Mrs. Chu and Mrs. Williams kept to the base-line almost throughout the whole encounter, the fact that one (Mrs. Chu) is right-handed and the other left-handed did not hamper them as much it would probably have done had they embarked upon a net campaign. This victory represents Mrs. Chu's second success in the tournament as she and Miss Rose Perry (now Mrs. Fletcher) won the title last year.

Civilian Selections
ONE of the first things to be noticed in the Civilian team to meet the Army in the Lal Wah Cup competition on Saturday is the absence of St. Joseph's players from the side which is at present constituted, is made up of five Kowloon F.C. men, three Club and three Police. In the St. Joseph's team nowadays are players like C. F. Remedios, N. Beltrao and A. V. Gosano, who would be first choices for their respective positions in the Civilian team had they been available. But unfortunately they are not; Beltrao and Gosano will be playing cricket on Saturday and, for business reasons, Remedios cannot turn out. David Leonard's claims to the centre-forward position have been passed over, and Freddie Fowler, of the Club, has been chosen to fill this berth. Many followers of the game

will dispute this assumption that Fowler is a better centre-forward than Leonard. Personally I have noticed an improvement in Leonard's play this season, and it seems rather unfortunate for him that just when he is beginning to play something like his old self he has been passed over for one whose claims are certainly no better than his. Apart from the centre-forward position, the side is as good as can be put up, with due regard to the material at the disposal of the selectors. One player I would like to see given a trial in a representative match is young J. Gomez, the St. Joseph's inside left. He is as tricky and as fast as Jorge, the Kowloon inside-right, and equally as hard-working. These two are the most promising young non-Chinese inside-forwards we have to-day in local soccer, and should be given every encouragement by our selectors.

Farr Complains
TOMMY Farr, the British heavyweight, made no excuses when he was beaten by Lou Nova last December. Outpointed by Clarence "Red" Burman, an almost unknown heavyweight, last Friday, Farr, it is reported, now intends to ask the State Boxing Commission to reverse the decision. As stated in the cable published yesterday, the decision was unpopular with the crowd, who cheered the loser and booed the winner. Nevertheless, the judges gave the decision to Burman while the referee said the fight was a draw. The United Press score-sheet gave Burman five rounds, Farr three with two even. Significantly, the New York Times and the Herald-Tribune fight experts say that there was no doubt that Burman won, regardless of the jeers of the crowd and the complaints of Farr's manager. This defeat means that Farr has slipped another rung in the ladder of fame, the height of which he reached when he went the full 15 rounds with Joe Louis. Judging by the reports about him, Farr is not a "squealer," and therefore he must

F. A. CUP REPLAY RESULTS

London, Jan. 16.
Replay matches in the third round of the F. A. Cup, played to-day, resulted as follows:
FIRST REPLAY
*Southend 4 Chesterfield 3
*North Forest 0 Huddersfield 3
*After extra time.
SECOND REPLAY
Middlesbrough 1 Bolton 0
(at Leeds)

Max Baer Becomes Cowboy Crooner

Hollywood, Jan. 10.
Max Baer was signed up by the movies as a cowboy crooner to-day. The former heavyweight boxing champion will be the rough-riding sweet-toned hero of six western films to be made by the Arcadia Pictures Inc.
It was announced that Baer will sing on horseback and the pictures will be in technicolor.
Baer on one previous occasion appeared in a full-length feature in which he played opposite Primo Carnera.—United Press.

Dempsey's Protege

CLARENCE "Red" Burman is an Irish-American and a protegee of Jack Dempsey, the former heavyweight champion of the world. While not in the actual boxing ratings last year, Burman received honourable mention, and with the exception of being knocked out by John Henry Lewis, he has since done very well. He was not expected to beat the Welshman, however.

In The Army Now

HENNER Henkel, now Germany's leading lawn tennis player in the retirement of Baron Gottfried von Cramm, is serving with the colours. He is allowed time off from his regiment, the Infantry Regiment 67, to go to Berlin where he trains with Roderich Menzel, the former Czechoslovakian player, on a covered court. Henkel has already been nominated captain of Germany's Davis Cup team for the 1939 competition, while Menzel has been named a member of the squad.



An exciting incident in the international rugby match played last Saturday between England and Ireland at Rookhamp. England proved too good for Ireland, winning by 27-6 and will now meet Scotland in the final.—Photo by A.A. Kahn.

Cricket Notes

Navy Play Senior Men In Junior League XI

(By "R. Abill")

It is much to be regretted (and I can assure you that this is true) that owing to ill health I was not able to get any personal impression of the cricket on Saturday or Sunday last. I have, however, managed by dint of various kind friends to ascertain some features to bolster up the actual printed scores of the matches on these days.

As regards Saturday, owing to illness and other troubles the Civil Service had to take the field without at least four, and perhaps we may say five, of their regular side. They took the opportunity to give a game to Pryde, Sutter, and N. Smith, all still at school, and though it must be admitted that Paxton was too old a hand for these boys when batting, all of them fielded magnificently. Sutter showed an amazing turn of speed in the field, I do not know what his 100 yard time is, but he should be one of the coming sprinting champions of the Colony.

As regards the game, the Navy didn't start well and Perry and McLellan found their length at once. Whitmarsh found it very difficult indeed to score and was very slow. What might have happened had Kennedy been given out in the 20th remains to be guessed at, and when I say this I do not say it in any unsporting way. Kennedy was unsporting away from the actual walking away from the wicket. I am told, when given not out, but if the Umpire did not think the ball touched the bat he was perfectly right to call the man back. After all, there are lots of batsmen who trot back to the Pavilion when they are not out. Kennedy and Whitmarsh collected 76 of the Navy's somewhat painful 101, though to be just, they were by no means at full strength themselves. I find it a little difficult to understand how they justify the fact that when they have a first eleven playing, they have a first eleven playing for the second. A. C. C. playing for the second. Navy in both games in the Triangular Tournament, and I frankly consider that they have completely blotted their copy book by playing them for a second eleven in league games. I know their difficulties about getting up sides with ships away, but how you can say the man who plays twice in the Navy for a Tournament game is a second eleven cricketer when these Tournament games were played at a time when practically all the ships were in, leaves me wondering. Clayton may possibly be cancelled out, because Brownrigg was away, but of the first eleven playing against the Civil Service Whitmarsh and Paxton are the only two Tournament players who appeared.

To revert to our muttens, the Navy were all out for 101, and the Civil Service might have got the runs, weak as they were, but for the fact that at the very beginning Richardson called for a foolish run and Colledge was badly run out. Not only did this appear entirely to upset Richardson, but it apparently paralysed the rest of the side, with the exception of Perry, lay down in heaps in front of Paxton. Now I know by personal experience that, though I have a very great respect for Paxton's bowling, he is a great deal more dangerous on grass than he is on matting and this game was at Kild's Park. In the vernacular, they didn't ought to have got out as easy.

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POOR BATTING AT RECREIO

There is little to say about this match, except perhaps that one paper I read insisted on printing Mr. G. L. Soares instead of E. L. Gosano, or so I believed. He is said to have batted very well indeed for 21 runs, while Prata and E. M. L. Soares were also to the fore, apart from that no-one did anything. Hisley going on early and then later again, had 5 for 14, while Longfield who bowled ten overs for 23 runs had 5 wickets as well. Pearce was unlucky to have E. M. L. Soares dropped off him before the batsman had scored. As regards the Club batting the less said the better. Pearce did well to get 30 not out "and that," said John, "is that."

SUNDAY GAMES

I am told that the Volunteers' game with Recreio was only exciting

Hockey

Police Defeated At Macao

Extremely evenly-contested hockey was witnessed here by a large crowd this afternoon when the Hongkong Police 1st team met Macao's first eleven in a friendly encounter. The score at the close of play was one goal to nil in favour of Macao.

Play was fast, and the forwards of both sides were equally formidable from the outset. The visitors commenced the attack, but the home defenders were equal to the situation. Costa, left-back, robbed Jasbir Singh, the Police centre-forward, of the ball and thereby held the Police attack. Thereupon, some clever stick-work was witnessed as Angelo, centre-forward, with Alrosa and Rosario, the local inside forwards, formed a fine triangular combination to penetrate the visitors' defence. However, the Police custodian, Jessop, cleared splendidly, and the ball was soon carried down into Macao's territory.

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Taking a few precautions ensures getting the best results. If the bread is first put into the oven to dry, toasting will be quicker, and that delightful crispness, which is essential, will be more easily acquired. If the bread is not prepared first in this way, and you are toasting before an open fire, hold the slices well away at first. You will then get crisp, evenly-coloured toast; hastily made toast is brown outside, but damp and lukewarm inside.

Toast that has been left for some time and gone cold can be made palatable again by putting it in the oven for a few minutes.

French toast is a good way of using up slices of bread and butter left over from tea. The slices are laid one over the other with the butter side inwards. Press together lightly and toast in the ordinary way. No extra butter is needed, for the butter already spread will penetrate the soft part and give a rich, crisp taste to the toast. Eat hot, straight from the fire. Put a plate underneath when toasting to catch any drippings.

We often forget all about brown bread toast. It should be eaten plainly buttered with a little salt. Brown bread should be toasted slowly so that the edges do not get brown before the middle is done.

A Curried Dish

Curried egg toast is very savoury. Cut up an onion and fry in a little butter till brown. Pour in a teaspoonful of curry powder mixed with a gill of milk. Beat up three eggs, mix in and cook for five minutes, stirring all the time. Pour on thick slices of hot buttered toast, and serve very hot with a little minced chutney on top.

Here are two tasty kidney toasts. Prepare the kidneys, cut up, and fry in butter with a little chopped thyme and parsley for about five minutes. Sprinkle a little corn-flour, just cover with stock, and simmer for 10 minutes. Serve on hot buttered toast. Or, cook in butter as above, then squeeze in a little lemon juice, and add the yolk of an egg and a

Manners At The Table

WHEN Savarin, the famous French up and the sharp edge of the knife

sage, said, "It makes no difference what you eat, but with whom you eat it," he might have added, "and how you eat it." For in place your knife and fork together

judged than by the way we eat. Even though the necessities on our tables are in perfect taste, all the beauty of the table-setting is of no avail if our table-manners are not

manners—"economy"—to care your soup, dip the spoon away from our eating—cannot be over-estimated.

The fork has its own special etiquette, and if we wish to be classed as accustomed to the world of good manners, a few simple suggestions for its use must be mastered. Hold the fork well within the palm, with the end of the handle secure in the centre of the palm. The first finger, extends down the handle.

When cutting meat, hold the fork with the prongs down. When eating vegetables, eggs, croquettes, hash, and other soft foods, with the fork in the right hand, hold the fork with the prongs up.

The possibility of finding ourselves in the "wrong fork" situation is reduced to a minimum if we remember, when we look at the silver at table, to "start with the utensil furthest from the plate and work towards the plate."

The knife is held in the right hand in the same way that the fork is held in the left and with the firmness that is necessary for cutting.

The knife and fork should not be over-worked. To keep them in the hands continuously during the course is to suggest that the attention is perhaps too much on the food and not enough on the conversation. After a mouthful or two, "rest" the knife and fork in a convenient position on the plate. Never in a thoughtless moment "rest" the knife or fork against the edge of the plate with the handle on the table cloth.

When, at informal dinners or suppers at home, the plate is passed for a second portion, place knife and fork snugly together side by side on the plate, so that they will not be knocked off when passing the plate. The tines of the fork should be placed

few fine breadcrumbs. Season and serve with hot toast as before. For ham toast make a breakfast-cupful of white sauce. Add a little onion juice, seasoning, and 2 oz. of minced cooked ham.

Most people like cheese with toast. Mix together 2 oz. of grated cheese, a dessert-spoonful of anchovy essence, two egg yolks, 1 oz. of butter, salt and pepper, in a sauce-pan, and stir over the fire till hot, but not boiling. Pile on rounds of hot buttered toast.



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National Relief Commission \$100,000
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Total \$105,020

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Donations are lying at the Business Office of the South China Morning Post for the following:
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STARVING STARLINGS

London.
Over 2,000 starlings, fleeing from the cold weather, came down like a black cloud and settled on the masts and funnels of the Liverpool container Merland, between the Nore and the Mouse lightship. There were so many that they climbed over each other, and many fell down the funnels. The crew fed them, and they stayed while the ship steamed up the Thames. About 600 starlings were still on the boat in the Regent's Canal Dock.

Kinshan Returning From Canton

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's steamer Kinshan, which left for Canton last Wednesday, is leaving the Japanese-occupied city for Hongkong this morning. It is learned from the company.

The steamer, which is the first merchant vessel to leave Canton since the fall of the city, is expected to arrive in Hongkong at 3 p.m. this afternoon. The number of passengers aboard and their nationalities, however, are unknown.

It is revealed that there were three Chinese among the passengers for Canton last Wednesday.

It is not known, according to the company, whether a regular bi-weekly service will be inaugurated following the preliminary sailings of the Kinshan.

40 PASSENGERS ABOARD

Canton, Jan. 17.
The s.s. Kinshan sailed at 8 o'clock this morning with 40 foreign passengers.

It is understood that permission was given by the Japanese for the vessel to carry bona fide Chinese employees of foreign firms.—Reuter.

New Records For British Planes

London, Jan. 16.
The Spitfire aircraft, recently on show at the Paris Aero Exhibition, today made a record flight from Le Bourget to Croydon.

The Spitfire flew the 205 miles in 40 minutes.

Its average speed was 300 miles an hour, including the time taken to climb 18,000 feet.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

ITALIAN TROOPS AT AICHA

Djibouti, Jan. 16.
Italian troops are stated to have arrived at Aicha, near the frontier of French Somaliland, as well as a large quantity of war material.

The enlistment by the Italians of tribesmen continues, according to news reaching here.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Only Small Load of Mail On Delayed Plane

Averaging 100 miles an hour from Hanoi, the Imperial Airways plane Delphinus reached Hongkong at 3 p.m. yesterday with 200 kilos of delayed mail. Mr. Reschke, a German from Bangkok, was the only passenger.

So far as local information goes, the mail scheduled to arrive tomorrow is on time.

The plane Delta is due to leave at dawn to-day with outward mail and passengers.

CLIPPER THIS MONTH

Giant Craft on Maiden Trip Soon From Alameda

Manila, Jan. 16.
It is reported that the 72-passenger Clipper will leave Alameda for Hongkong some time this week on its maiden flight carrying a crew of ten, and mail, but no passengers. Pan American Airways office here said they had no information from Alameda, but admitted that they expected the giant Clipper to arrive before February.—United Press.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

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For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 17; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 20.

For Chungking, Sian etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

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For France via Hanoi: Air France, 6.30 a.m. Jan. 21.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 18; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 21.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American China Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 21.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France 12.30 p.m. Jan. 19.

RELIEF WORK

Emergency Refugee Council

An abstract of receipts and payments of the Emergency Refugee Council, for the period from June 12 to December 31, discloses that donations received in Hongkong currency amounted to \$234,040.53, and in Chinese National currency, \$105,020. Donations to the Building Fund totalled HK\$20,000.

Expenditure on account of relief work in Hongkong, in local currency, totalled \$35,000.57, and expenditure for the same work in China, including the sending of provisions etc., to Canton by relief ship, amounted to \$159,175.04. Administrative expenditure totalled HK\$3,643.49.

Balance in Hongkong currency, being funds as at December 31, 1938, totalled \$35,433.82.

In the Chinese National Currency account, grants to relief centres in China totalled \$20,200, leaving a balance of \$84,949.78.

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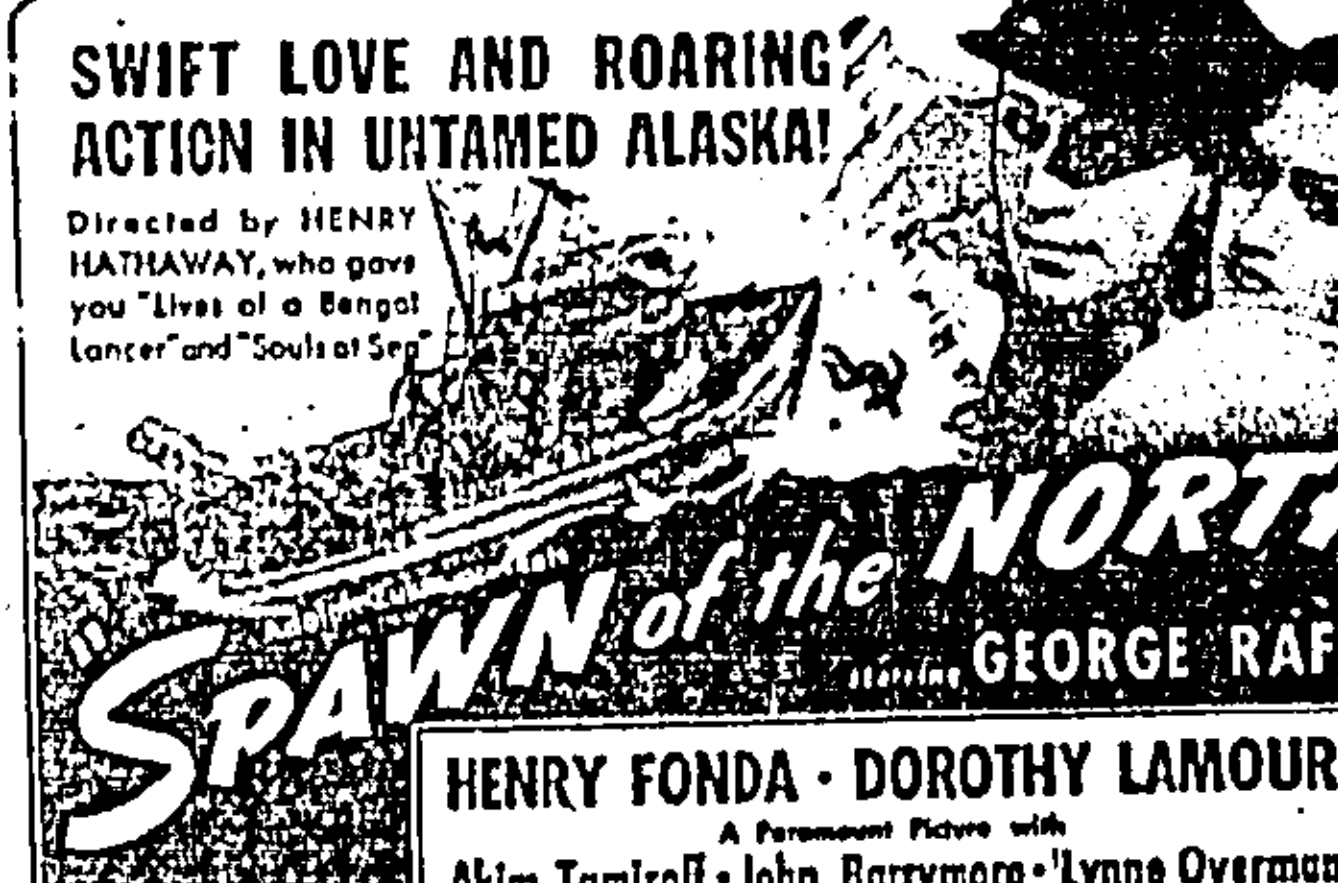
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FRANCO CLAIMS BARCELONA FALL WITHIN A FORTNIGHT

INSIDE INFORMATION

A FOX TERRIER which savagely attacked three thugs who assailed Mrs. England, wife of a Corporal in the Royal Scots, on a lonely road yesterday, was knocked unconscious protecting his mistress. Mrs. England was severely man-handled.

—PAGE FOUR

HONGKONG'S trade last year reached new records. Imports and exports were higher than in 1937, the total trade exceeding \$1,100,000,000.

—PAGE SEVEN

CHINA is rejoicing at the British Note to Tokyo, but Japanese newspapers angrily attack Great Britain.

—PAGE TWO

VICTORIA'S great bush fires, which claimed 66 lives, have been quenched by unexpected rain. Property damage exceeds £3,000,000.

—PAGE SEVEN

HONGKONG has become the market for China's tea as a result of the war. A large trade was carried on last year between this Colony and Soviet Russia.

—PAGE FOUR

ITALY'S newspapers have intensified their attacks on France, the Foreign Office organ joining in the chorus.

—PAGE SEVEN

H.M.S. THANET, engaged in anti-piracy patrol off Mirs Bay, was instrumental in securing the release of a Hongkong junk captured by a Japanese trawler.

—PAGE SEVEN

TWO MEN were sent to prison to-day for participating in the piracy of a sampan near Hongkong.

—PAGE THREE

SPECIAL articles on Badminton and Rugby are given by "Telegraph" writers on

—PAGES EIGHT & NINE

DRAMATIC moves, which may include resignation from the League of Nations, are expected as a result of Hungary's admission to the anti-Comintern Pact.

—PAGE SEVEN

AMERICAN C. IN C. FOR YANGTSE

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17. American C. in C. Admiral Yarnell starts to-morrow in yacht Isabel on tour of Yangtze. Will proceed to Wuhu, accompanied by Mr. C. Gauss, U.S. Consul General in Shanghai. Tour will last four or five days.—Reuter.

H.K. AIR-MAIL ASTRAY

London Asked to Solve Mystery

CABLED ENQUIRIES as to the fate of London mail for Hongkong, which should have arrived by Imperial Airways yesterday, have not yet produced a solution.

An announcement was made over ZBW yesterday that, contrary to expectations, the mail had not arrived. It is now learned that the despatch due should have left London on January 7. Mails collected en route at Egypt, Africa, etc., all arrived, as did also some mail from England for the Royal Navy.

It is considered most likely that the answer to the question lies in London since, if the mail was loaded on the plane, it would not have become separated from the other bags.

LOYALISTS MOBILISE EVERY MAN FOR DEFENCE OF CITY

GIVING EFFECT TO THE GENERAL MOBILISATION DECREE, THE 1917 AND 1918 CLASSES OF SPANISH LOYALISTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO REJOIN THEIR REGIMENTS IMMEDIATELY, WHILE THE 1915 AND 1916 CLASSES HAVE BEEN MOBILISED FOR WORK ON THE FORTIFICATIONS OF THE CITY.

Barcelona is expected to fall within a fortnight, declared General Yaguo, the Insurgent leader, in an exclusive interview with "United Press."

The General was interviewed at Tarragona where he has established his headquarters in the drive on Barcelona.

He declared to pressmen: "The enemy is falling back in the sector of Villanueva de Panades in an effort to make a last stand before Barcelona."

"The enemy is virtually a rabble, except for isolated units, such as the assault guards."

"If there is no real resistance, it is possible to reach Barcelona in about a fortnight."

"Lay Down Arms,"

Catalans Told

A message from General Franco urges the Catalans to lay down their arms in view of the "inevitability of an Insurgent victory."

The message was broadcast from Insurgent wireless stations.

The message added: "We are marching against Catalonia, not to destroy, but to save her."

Barcelona Defiant

AS GENERAL FRANCO'S bombers roared over Barcelona to-day, several hundred women marched defiantly through the refugee-filled streets of the city, exhorting the population to stand firm.

The women carried banners bearing such slogans as: "Fortify Catalonia," and "Defend Catalonia To The Death."

Five bombers dropped 20 huge bombs on the port area, about half of which fell into the sea, but four struck the working-class section of the city, wounding five people.

Five Loyalist pursuit planes drove the raiders off after a spectacular battle. Meanwhile the Loyalist forces, flung back from Tarragona, have occupied previously prepared positions on the low hills barring the main road east towards Vendrell, which is 15 miles further up the coast.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT GAINS BY INSURGENTS

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 16. In addition to the capture of Gervona, other important progress is reported to have been made by the Insurgents on the northern and southern flanks of the Catalan front this afternoon.

In the south, the Insurgents already occupy the two roads leading respectively from Tarragona and Valls to Vendrell on the Mediterranean coast, and thence via Villanueva and Villafraanca to Barcelona.

The Insurgent vanguard is stated to be close to Vendrell. In the centre, in the Cervera sector, the Loyalists are reported to be making desperate efforts to retreat on Igualada, which is 35 kilometres east of Cervera. They are threatened with being cut off by the Insurgents advancing to the north and south of Cervera.

The Insurgents advancing from the south towards the road from Cervera to Igualada have occupied the villages of Claret, Farnell, Mirre, and Pontrells. Large quantities of war material have been captured at Cervera.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE DENIES REPORTS

Paris, Jan. 16. Reports in the foreign press that there is a likelihood of France sending regular troops to Catalonia, is characterised as the Quai d'Orsay as "too absurd to merit denial." It is declared that the French standpoint in the Spanish question is known to all. France is bound by (Continued on Page 4.)

HONGKONG HAS TRADE RECORD

HONGKONG'S TRADE IN 1938 totalled \$1,130,071,214, an increase of \$45,684,526 over 1937.

Imports totalled \$615,168,937, an increase of \$1,104,970. Exports totalled \$511,902,277, an increase of \$44,579,556.

In December exports declined to \$46,496,841, compared with \$49,342,058 in the preceding year.

Exports during the same month declined by \$12,446,291 to \$33,535,169.

Despite November and December losses of trade, Hongkong's trade with China in 1938 aggregated \$463,991,816, which was \$62,269,645 higher than in 1937.

Imports from China totalled \$233,264,347 and exports totalled \$230,727,469.

Bullion and treasure exports totalled \$188,123,656. Imports of bullion and treasure totalled \$9,601,218.

(Full Report on Page 7)

Britain's Note To Japan

SANCTIONS SEEN AS POSSIBILITY IN NEAR FUTURE

LONDON, JAN. 16.

A TUG-OF-WAR IS GOING ON BETWEEN A BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF APPLYING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MEASURES AGAINST JAPAN FOR INTERFERING WITH BRITISH INTERESTS IN CHINA.

The firm British Note on Saturday reflected the desire of the Foreign Office to take a strong stand against Japan as long as the United States is following the same policy.

Although the Note did not mention retaliatory action, it is understood that the Foreign Office would like to strike at Japanese trade, as well as to give financial aid to China.

The Board of Trade and Treasury, on the other hand, want to deal cautiously with the Japanese. They seem to think that British investments worth \$300,000,000 in China and the valuable British trade in the Far East will be endangered if Britain provokes Japan.

CHAMBERLAIN TO DECIDE

It is believed that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will ultimately decide the issue. Some quarters think that his attitude will be determined largely by President Roosevelt's action regarding alleged Japanese discrimination against United States commerce in China.

Meanwhile trade departments are studying possible measures, such as credits to enable China to buy war materials and other products, and of higher tariffs against Japanese goods entering the United Kingdom and British colonies, including an embargo on Japan's war material and financial assistance for China's currency.

Interest Haggling

As a first step the British Government recently agreed to extend to China a four-year credit of £500,000 to buy British motor trucks for use on the Burma-Yunnan road.

The two countries, however, are still haggling over the rate of interest to be charged. Britain wants six per cent, while the Chinese demand five per cent, pointing out that that is all they are paying for similar credit from the United States.

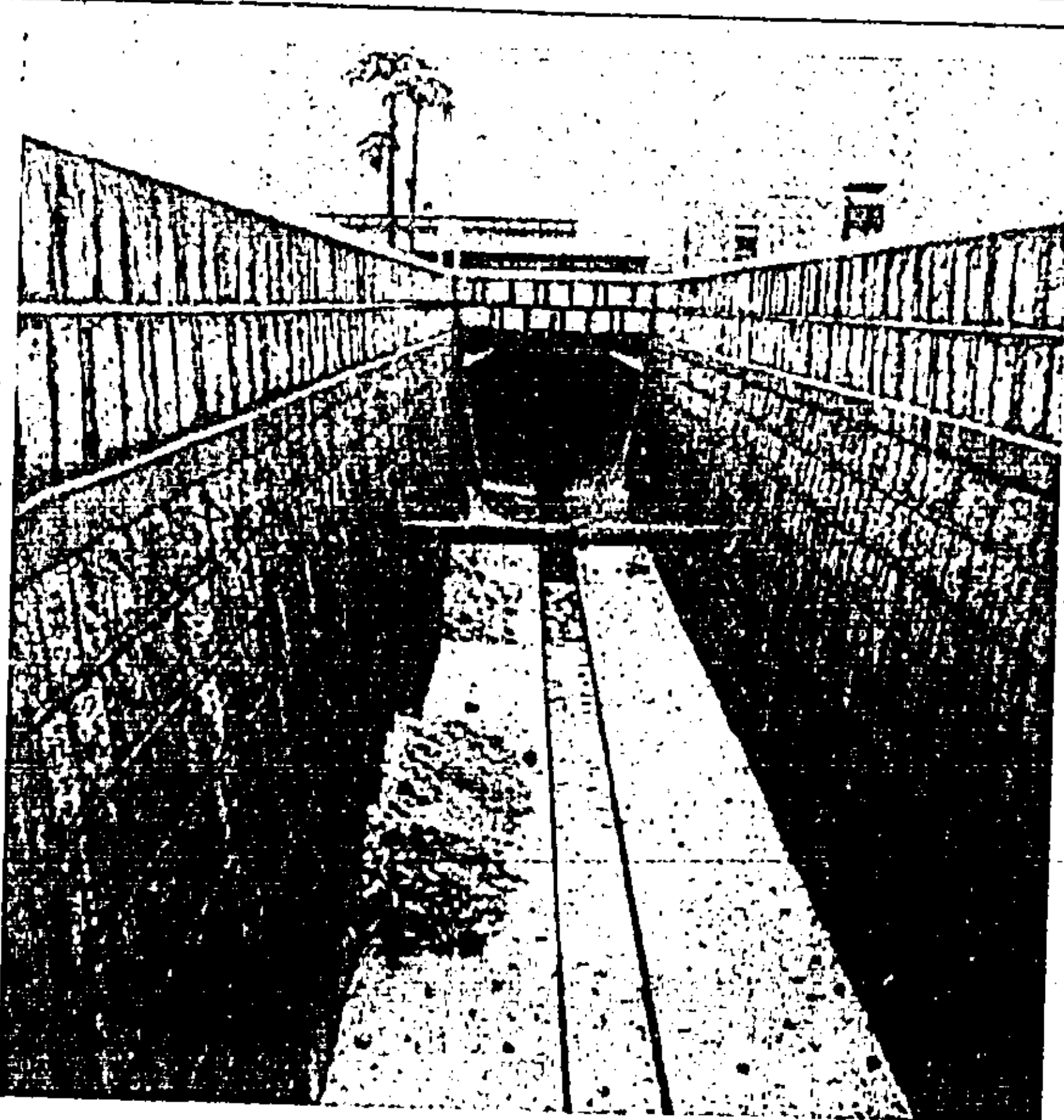
Britain has told China that she is likely to get further credit of about £2,000,000 after Parliament passes the Bill creating a new credit supply of £10,000,000 for use in defending British interests.

Bolstering The Dollar

There has also been some talk of creating an Anglo-Chinese Equalisation Fund to keep the Chinese dollar at the present level. This is in British interests since British trade in China would suffer if the Chinese dollar collapsed.

Commercial reprisals against Japan, however, are considered a much more dangerous matter. Nevertheless, it is understood that Viscount Halifax recently told the Chinese that Britain would undoubtedly apply them if the United States took similar measures.

It is expected here that Dr. Wellington Koo will take advantage at the League Council session to bring pressure on Britain to give more help to China, and to apply reprisals against Japan.—United Press.



Internees Gained Freedom In This Nullah

The nullah through which 109 soldier-internees walked to freedom on Friday night, Sung Wong Tol Street crosses the nullah at the point where it becomes enclosed. Two hundred and fifty yards further on is the manhole through which the internees dropped from the Internment Camp. The photograph was taken about 200 yards from the beach. As can be seen the nullah is practically dry. In the rainy season it becomes a raging torrent.—Staff Photographer.

Thousands Starving In Occupied Areas

CANTON, Jan. 16. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE in Canton and the surrounding country-side are facing virtual starvation owing to the breakdown of food transportation and cultivation.

FIGHTING IN SOUTH

SHENZHEN, Jan. 17. FIGHTING CONTINUES unabated south of Taungfa, which is 35 miles northeast of Canton. The Japanese at Shenkong, eight miles south of Taungfa, have been defeated and are retreating to Taipingchong, five miles further south.

A Japanese detachment attacked Sunkai on the Canton-Hankow Railway, about 10 miles north of Canton, early yesterday morning. Failing to dislodge the Chinese, they later brought their airplanes into action. Fighting was continued last night.

The Japanese at Kunyiu, a village about 14 and half miles to the northwest of Canton, south of the Canton-Samshui Railway, are trying to take Samkong, Lupao, and Wongtong. Chinese self-defence corps are stubbornly resisting.—Central News.

STREET FIGHTING

Fancheng, Jan. 17. Bitter street fighting is in progress

Honam, across the Pearl River from Canton city, is already a veritable graveyard.

The queues of foodless people waiting to obtain meagre supplies of rice from Japanese dispensing depots are ever-lengthening.

Except for these people and large herds of scavengers and looters, Honam is entirely deserted. The entire malao is deserted, its shops shuttered and desolated.

Scarcely a building has escaped the attention of the looters.

During the night police patrols are withdrawn from all except the principal streets of Canton, owing to their inadequate numbers. Consequently, the unprotected streets are occupied by the looters as soon as night falls.

Everything removable has already been removed, however, and the looters must now content themselves with stripping buildings of iron and lead.—Our Own Correspondent.

at Sunyangtong, about 52 miles northwest of Hankow in Hupeh.

Four hundred Japanese at Hailuo, southeast of Sunyangtong, in northeast Hupeh, yesterday drove towards Haichiatien and Yuchiatien, in the northeast.

Heavy Japanese reinforcements have arrived in Hailuo from Yichang.

East of Hailuo, Chinese troops

LOYALIST ARMY 100 PER CENT. SPANISH

League Committee Ends All Doubts

GENEVA, Jan. 16.

WHEN THE LEAGUE COUNCIL began its public sitting to-day, it had before it a report drawn up by the Committee of Three—France, Britain, and Persia—on the withdrawal of non-Spanish combatants from Loyalist Spain.

The report showed that the total number of such combatants counted in Barcelona and the central zone was 12,673, and that all these combatants were now withdrawn from combatant units.

A total of 6,400 non-Spanish combatants had so far been evacuated. (Continued on Page 4.)

New Sunday Paper For Hongkong

A new Sunday newspaper will enter the field in Hongkong on January 29.

At present, the Sunday morning field is exclusively catered for by the "Sunday Herald".

The new newspaper, it is understood, will be a bi-lingual production, it will be published simultaneously in English and in Chinese.

The new newspaper will be under the management of the China Times Ltd., a current Chinese daily, and will be edited by Mr. S. K. Wu.

Mr. Eugene Chen, who has been financially associated with the new venture when approached by the "Telegraph" this afternoon.

MANCHUKUO JOINS PACT

TOKYO, Jan. 17. Manchukuo Government to-day joined anti-Comintern. Formal acceptance of invitation to join pact extended by Governments of Italy, Germany and Japan made at 11 a.m.

Five Powers now partners of pact are Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Manchukuo.—Reuter.

See Back Page For Further Late News

LINER IN STORM DRAMA

President Harrison 3 Days Late

SEAS SO MOUNTAINOUS that women and children passengers were forced to evacuate their cabins and sleep on the floor of the music room were encountered by the American President liner President Harrison on the voyage from Hawaii to Yokohama.

The President Harrison, en route head winds shortly after leaving Yokohama yesterday, three days developed into a gale of almost cyclonic force, and for three days the vessel made practically no headway.

The storm was one of the worst the ship has ever encountered.

The President Harrison

CHINA HAILS BRITISH NOTE BUT JAPAN IS RESENTFUL

Press Complains Far East Situation Not Understood

CHUNGKING, January 17.

The note handed to the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, by Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Tokyo, on January 14, clearly demonstrates the firm attitude toward Japan of the British Government which has not at all been affected by Japan's coercion and hoodwinking, declared a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in an interview with the *Central News* yesterday.

Reiteration of Britain's continued adherence to the principles of the Nine-Power Treaty, refusal to accept or to recognise any changes in China brought about by force and opposition to any modification of the Nine-Power Treaty as contained in the note, coincide with the attitude of the United States Government toward the Far East as expounded in its notes to Japan on October 6th and December 31st last year, the spokesman pointed out.

The spokesman agreed with the refutation in the note of Japan's assurances that she seeks no territory and respects the sovereignty of China as irreconcilable with her declared intention of stationing Japanese troops in China indefinitely and marking out of Inner Mongolia as an anti-Communist area.

Since approval had been sought from the French Government before the note was handed to the Japanese Government, it indicates that the three major contracting parties of the Nine-Power Treaty, namely, the United States, Great Britain and France are agreed on their policy toward Japan, the spokesman stated.

He emphasized that only concerted or parallel action on the part of these three Powers can effectively check Japan's aggression and maintain the situation in the Far East as provided in the Nine-Power Treaty. —*Central News*.

TOKYO JOURNALS COMMENT

Tokyo, Jan. 17.
All Japanese newspapers take up the new British note to Japan and Japan's policies towards China for editorial comments this morning.

The *"Hochi Shimbun"* refers to the second paragraph of the note in which Britain asserts that Japan intends to establish a tripartite economic bloc between Japan, Manchukuo and China in which Japan will assume the superior position.

The journal declares that it is free for Great Britain to understand or misunderstand Japan's position in the Far East. Britain, however, must realize that Japan's Continental policy is quite different in nature from any Imperialistic policy.

Britain completely ignores Japan's proposition for building up a new order in East Asia, the paper claims. Although superficial observers may think that Japan intends to extend the power of control over Manchukuo and China, it is only a passing phenomenon.

Regretting that Britain disapproves Japan's mission taking note of this passing phenomenon, the paper continues to say that it is even not the intention of Japan to station troops in China indefinitely.

Japan only intends to do so in an effort to accelerate restoration of peace and order in East Asia and obliteration of the "Red routes," the paper understands, pointing out further that the new regimes in China are sincerely desiring Japan to station her troops.

Engineer's Amazing Experiment

Finds New Method Of
Neutralising
Incendiary Bullets

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.

CLAIMS that he has found a new sensational means of reducing the hazard of fire in aeroplanes, and of neutralising incendiary bullets, are made by Adden Jordanoff, an engineer, and during the great war, a Bulgarian aviator.

Jordanoff states that he freezes gasoline to 100 degrees centigrade below zero in dry ice and alcohol, cooling the mechanism surrounding the tanks on an aeroplane. Special mechanism thaws the fuel en route to the motor.

The freezing is supposed to prevent flash explosions or ignition of the fuel incendiary bullets.

Jordanoff, in demonstrating his discovery, rained a flaming torch into a pull of frozen gasoline which merely extinguished it. When the flame was held above the pull it required 14 seconds to ignite the gasoline. —*United Press*.

It has now gone so far that the British Government cannot at one and the same time, maintain an attitude of detachment from the Far Eastern struggle, and the hope of salvaging even a tinge of the interests which the struggle has placed in jeopardy.

A joint Anglo-American policy directed against the Japanese import and export trade with the areas under their control would produce more constructive results than 100 notes—for overseas trade is the Achilles Heel of Japan. —*Reuter*.

JAPANESE ATTACK

TOKYO, Jan. 16.

THE ANSWER to the British note is sharp and bitter.

Leading Government organs declare that an understanding between

JAPAN'S HEAVENLY WAY

Political Philosophy
Revealed By Premier

TOKYO, Jan. 16.

THE political philosophy of Baron Hiranuma and his Government was revealed to-day when the Japanese Prime Minister gave an interview to foreign pressmen.

Baron Hiranuma said that neither individualism nor collectivism exists in Japan, where the people should be the Government "according to the will of the gods."

He said that the only political philosophy existing in Japan was that of the "Heavenly Way," which aims at placing "men and things in their right places."

Baron Hiranuma added that this was the key to Statecraft. He said that the "Heavenly Way" consists of the enforcement of the pure moral codes of nature, unhindered by self-interest, and he said that the same should be the political aim.

"Any interference should be firmly rejected. This is where we call upon our tenets," he said, "and for this Japan is entitled to be called the land of the gods of justice and the sword."

Baron Hiranuma said that any religion not confirming the "Heavenly Way" cannot be tolerated. He pointed out that the nation's support of the throne was only a means to the end of the nation's self-interest, and in this connection "everybody must play an appropriate part in supporting the Imperial family to achieve national unity and solidarity."

The Premier said that political parties must do likewise, and "consequently any scramble for power, for power's sake, must be strongly deprecated."

He denied that he planned to organize a new political party "in order to meet the situation," adding: "I need everyone's help. However, I do not expect to form a new Government and political party at present. I shall deal with the Diet according to circumstances." —*United Press*.

Japan and England is completely out of the question as long as Britain refuses to recognise Japan's mission in the Far East, and continues to lend her entire support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The *"Hochi Shimbun"* characterized the British accusations against Japan as absurd, and declared: "England must have lost her senses."

Justifying the Japanese action in placing a garrison in China by the assertion that the new Chinese Government had requested it, the paper sharply denounces the British statement that through her action Japan had violated Chinese sovereignty.

"HE DID IT FIRST"

As regards the Nine-Power Treaty, the paper declared that in repudiating it, Japan would merely be following the example of the Soviet Union which has long since repudiated all agreements signed with other Powers.

They were also following the lead of Germany and Italy, both of whom had declared the Versailles Treaty to be null and void.

The Tokyo *"Nichi Nichi"* states that should England choose to support Chiang Kai-shek further, Japan will be compelled to regard her as her "arch enemy." —*Trans-Ocean*.

New Clipper For Manila In February

SAN FRANCISCO,
Jan. 16.

PAN-AMERICAN Airways to-day stated that they expected to deliver the Boeing Clipper from Seattle on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, after which extensive tests would be made, and a possible shake-down cruise to Manila would be made about February 10. —*United Press*.

NEW R. A. F. C-IN-C. APPOINTED

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Middle East

LONDON, Jan. 16.

AIR-MARSHAL Sir William G. S. Mitchell has been appointed Air Officer and Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force in the Middle East, with effect from April 1, according to an Air Ministry announcement.

The appointment marks the extension of the policy inaugurated in 1937 when the status of the senior command at Home was raised to that of Commander-in-Chief.

It is felt that the increases in recent years in the strength of the air force in the Middle East, and the wide scope of the commander's responsibilities, which include East Africa, the Sudan, Egypt, Palestine and Trans-Jordan, call for this improvement in status. —*Reuter Special*.

Premier Back At His Desk

Preparing For New
Cabinet Meeting

LONDON, Jan. 16.

The Prime Minister was at work at Downing Street to-day, after the strenuous few days in Rome from which he returned yesterday.

He had consultations with a number of his colleagues in anticipation of the resumption of weekly meetings of the Cabinet on Wednesday.

During the morning, Sir Kingsley Wood, Secretary for Air visited No. 10 and remained for an hour. Sir John Anderson, who is responsible for civil defence, also saw the Premier.

After lunch, Mr. Chamberlain saw the Chancellor of the Exchequer. —*British Wireless*.

Minister Presents His Credentials

Paris, Jan. 16.

Mr. Sidney Frank Waterson, the new Minister of the South African Union, to-day presented his credentials to President Lebrun.

After presenting his letters, the new Minister remained with President Lebrun for a short time, during which they had a conversation. —*Trans-Ocean*.

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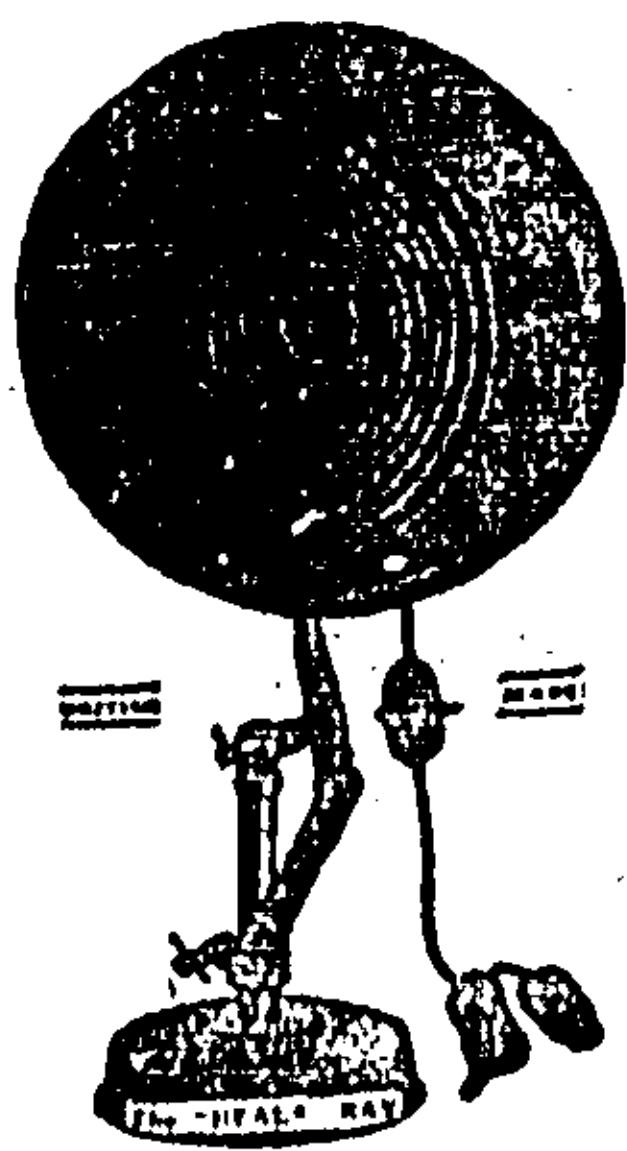


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Sampan Stolen At Pistol Point

Two Men Sent To Prison

A charge of being in possession of a stolen sampan and 314 ducks at Yung Lung Wan, near Po On, on December 7, was heard at Criminal Sessions this morning against Tang Kwong-shing, 34, Ng Hing, 30, fishermen, and Chan Chau, 55, oyster-bed watcher.

His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, took the case and the following jurors were empanelled: Messrs. P. K. Pavri (Foreman), J. O'Sullivan, L. F. Osmund, Hugh Smith, J. M. de la Neve, P. B. Mathieu and M. A. Prata.

Mr. J. M. Whyatt, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted, and said the complainant was a man named Li Yung, a farmer living in the Chinese territory of Tung Koon. On December 6, this man left his village with his nephew in a sampan loaded with 412 ducks which he intended to sell in Hongkong. The next day, when opposite Ma On Chau, a sampan containing three men, approached and he shouted to ask the occupants their business. One of the men replied with three pistol shots whereupon Li Yung and his nephew jumped overboard and waded ashore to Ping Chau Island, the sampan being towed away by the three assailants.

The next day, Li Yung sent his nephew to Yuen Long to make enquiries while he himself boarded the Po On Ferry at Sha Hau to go to Hongkong. The No. 3 Police Launch was in the vicinity and searched the ferry but complainant did not then report the loss of his ducks. Shortly afterwards, a sampan came alongside with three crates of ducks which Li Yung recognised as his own. He informed the complainant of the ferry and the police were hailed and the men arrested. When charged, the first two accused said they saw the sampan lying empty except for the ducks and they took it away. The third man said he was asked to help row the sampan.

Corroborative evidence was given by complainant and his nephew, his brother who had left for Hongkong.

5 YEARS FOR A BANISHEE

"APPARENTLY short sentences have no deterrent on you whatsoever," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor in the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he sentenced Chan Tat-chau, 38, to five years' hard labour on two charges of returning from banishment and escaping from legal custody.

Accused pleaded guilty to the charges, and it was stated he had a number of criminal records, the first one of which dated as far back as 1916. He was banished for life in 1910, and since then had returned to the Colony no less than four times.

In 1934, he was arrested in connection with the burglary of a jewellery shop in Kowloon, but managed to escape from the prisoners' ward of the Government Civil Hospital whilst undergoing treatment there. He was not seen again until December last.

A charge of receiving stolen property, to which prisoner pleaded not guilty, was withdrawn.

Seven hundred and twenty-one recruits joined the R.A.F. last week, against 200 in the same week last year, bringing the total acceptance of pilots, observers, airmen, and boys since April 1, 1938 to 24,125, compared with 11,461 for the corresponding period last year.

at the same time, Sergt. Gorge who arrested the men, and Chan Chi, com-pradore on board the launch Po On.

The first and second accused made a statement from the dock reiterating that they found the sampan containing the crates of ducks with no apparent claimant and decided to take them to Hongkong to sell. Third accused, they agreed, had nothing to do with the finding. Third accused had nothing to say.

The jury, without retiring, found the first and second accused guilty and acquitted the third accused.

The Chief Justice passed sentence of three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Gambling Flourishing In Canton

CANTON, Jan. 17.

GAMBLING, which was rigidly suppressed throughout China by the New Life Movement, is flourishing in Canton to an extent never before witnessed in the Kwangtung capital.

Between the Canton Hospital and the French Catholic cathedral, a distance of approximately half-a-mile, I counted 180 gambling tables yesterday.

Some are in vacant shops, others on the footpaths.—Our Own Correspondent.

Roosevelt Talks With Advisers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. PRESIDENT Roosevelt had a series of interviews with leading members of the Cabinet and advisers to-day, apparently in connection with national defences and foreign policy.

Those whom the President conferred with included Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. H. Woodring, Mr. Louis Johnson, Mr. Charles Edison, Captain S. M. K. Raus of the Navy Department and Mr. William Bullitt, the United States Ambassador to France.

Later in the day the President had a second talk with Mr. Woodring, and also met Mr. Harold Ickes, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Perkins.

It is reported that among the tasks discussed was the C.C.C. (Commodities Credits Corporation), which President Roosevelt has already denied figures in the defence programme.—United Press.

Alleged Theft Of Junk And Ducks

Man Faces Charge At Sessions

THE robbery of a junk in Long Kat Village, Sai Kung District, on November 30 last had a sequel in the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Tang Sau, 44, was charged before Mr. Justice R. E. Lind-sell with having committed the offence together with others not in custody.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. G. W. Tate (Foreman), Ng Ching-kwong, H. E. Nielsen, A. F. Noronha, F. X. Silva, E. F. S. Baker and J. F. Tavares.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that on November 29, the victim, Lim Choy, a junkmaster, set sail from Ping Hoi for Hongkong with three foks, two passengers and a cargo of pigs, ducks, chickens and rice. After half way to Hongkong, the rudder broke and they decided to anchor at Long Kat Village, which was well within British territory. They got there about 4 a.m. and three hours later, a small boat with seven men on board, came alongside. Four of them, who were armed, boarded the junk, and held up the occupants. They took away a portion of the cargo, comprising seven pigs, 120 ducks, ten chickens and nine sacks of rice.

A report was subsequently made to the authorities, and on December 12, Lim accompanied the Police to Long Kat Village. On the beach, they saw a boat which Lim recognised as the one used by the robbers. A short distance away was a house, and whilst they were searching they noticed a number of ducks which Lim identified as his through certain marks in their feet. A woman said accused was the owner of the house, but he was not there at the time.

On December 18 he was arrested as he was coming off an in-coming ferry junk at Sai Kung.

Accused was subsequently put up for identification and he was picked out by the junkmaster and his foks. In answer to the charge, he denied

DOMINICA TO AID REFUGEES

LONDON, Jan. 16.

THE Government of Dominica, acting in co-operation with the Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees, has agreed to take probably 100,000 Jewish refugees from Europe.

Proposals in connection with such a settlement have been sent to the Dominica Government by the Consul-General for the Republic in London, Mr. Frederic Chasna.

The gist of Mr. Chasna's plan is that the refugees should not be allowed in as they like, but that there should be an organised scheme to ensure that they become useful citizens, and an asset to the country.

It is proposed to establish new industries rather than to develop the already adequate sugar, coffee, and cocoa industries.—Reuter.

BERLIN FAILEYS

Berlin, Jan. 16.

The third conference between the chairman of the Evlan Refugee Committee, Mr. George Rublee, and Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, will take place on Wednesday, it is learned.

The interval of five days since the second conference held last Friday, is regarded as an indication that numerous details and questions regarding the financing of Jewish emigration from Germany had to be considered and discussed before Dr. Schacht and Mr. Rublee were able to continue their talks.

It is not known whether they are agreed on the fundamental principles of the plan.

The possibility of Mr. Rublee conferring with Field-Marshal Hermann Goerring is now regarded as extremely slight.

Mr. Rublee and his staff will not stay longer than until the end of the week in Berlin because Mr. Rublee must be in London next Monday for a meeting of the permanent committee of the Evlan Committee.—Trans-Ocean.

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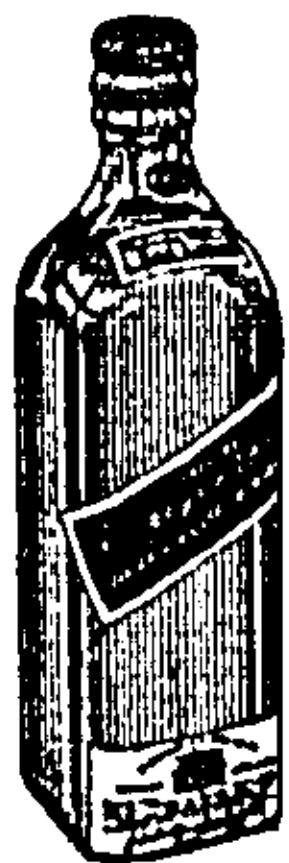
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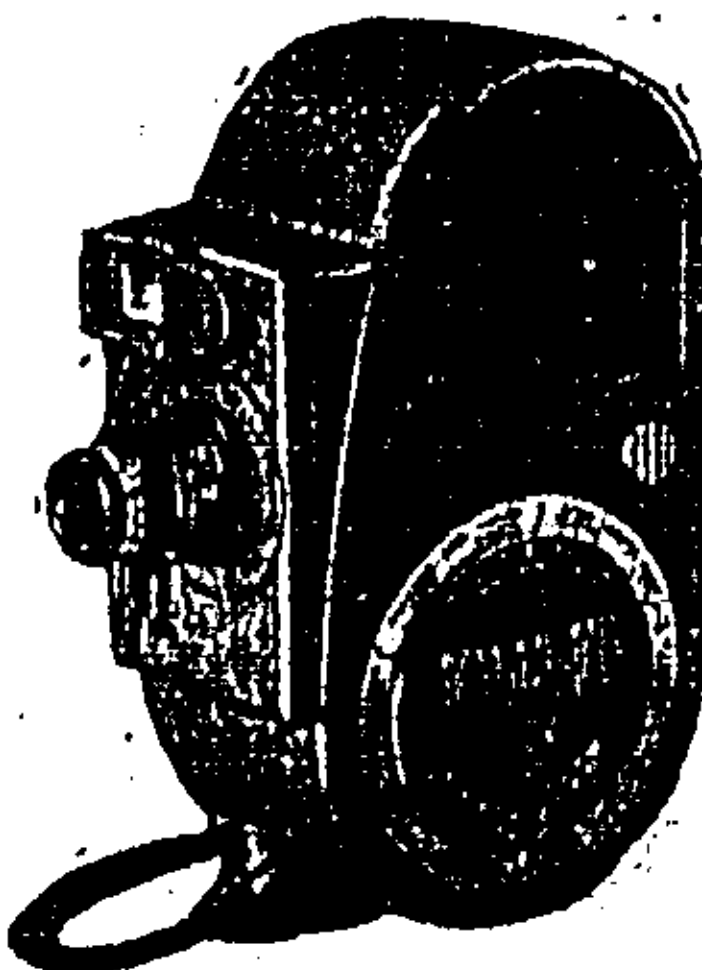
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FRANCO CLAIMS BARCELONA FALL WITHIN A FORTNIGHT

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the non-intervention agreement, but in the event of other nations no longer respecting that agreement, France must take into consideration the present critical situation in Spain and to reconsider her stand. In any case, it was stated, France will undertake no new step without previously informing England.—Trans-Ocean.

WILL RESIST TO END

London, Jan. 16. "Once again those who think that the war is drawing to a close will be proved mistaken," declares a statement issued by the Spanish Embassy in London. The statement says: "The latest enemy advances have hardly diminished either the effectiveness or the fighting capacity of the Republican Army. The Spanish Govern-

HONGKONG BECOMES CHINA TEA MARKET

As a result of the hostilities between China and Japan. Hongkong has become the headquarters for China's great tea trade.

Although this position may not be maintained in 1939 due to the Japanese occupation of Canton and Hankow and the consequent disruption of traffic on the railway to the interior, the British Colony established itself firmly in the tea market towards the end of last year.

In this period, imports of tea from China totalled no less than \$10,926,951, which compares with \$3,020,211 in 1937.

Exports of tea from Hongkong totalled \$16,090,814, compared with \$3,020,211 in 1937.

These totals do not include tea in transit through Hongkong or transhipped at this port.

SHIPPED TO VLADIVOSTOK

Nearly all of the tea Hongkong purchased from China last year was sold to Soviet Russia, and was shipped from here to Vladivostok.

The Soviet purchased in Hongkong altogether 16,772,110 lbs. of China tea, valued at over nine million dollars. In previous years, all of Russia's tea purchases were made directly in China and were received overland by railway or by caravan.

Next to the Soviet, Egypt proved the best customer in 1938 for Hongkong's tea, although it purchased a cheap variety, the two million lbs. purchased here costing only \$162,000.

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Japanese Adviser To Nanking

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16.

THE former Military Attache to the Japanese Embassy in China, Captain Harada, who was subsequently appointed Director of the special service section of the Japanese forces in Central China, has been nominated adviser to the Reformed Government in Nanking.

He retains his post in the special service section.—Trans-Ocean.

A caution was registered against Mrs. Shand of 3, Somerset Road when she appeared before Mr. E. Himshe at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a summons of having allowed her dog out on December 18 without a muzzle or lead.

ment solemnly assert, that in spite of strong intervention of foreign infantrymen, excellently armed, and the effort the Totalitarian Powers are making at the present moment to destroy the Spanish Republic, the Spanish people will resist heroically until they defeat the final aims of the invader and his Spanish allies.—Reuter.

Manchukuo Joins Anti- Soviet Bloc

HSINKING, Jan. 17.

THE Manchukuo Government to-day announced that it had accepted the joint invitation extended to it by Japan, Germany and Italy to adhere to the anti-Comintern pact.

The invitation was formally communicated to the Manchukuo Government at 11 o'clock this morning through the representatives of Japan, Germany and Italy in Manchukuo.

Acceptance of the invitation has been made in accordance with the decision taken by the Manchukuo Government following Monday's plenary session of the State Council, the announcement adds.

The Government will immediately open negotiations with the original signatories for formal participation in the pact, it is pointed out.—Domci.

THUGS' VICIOUS ATTACK ON EUROPEAN WOMAN

Small Dog Dashes To Rescue, But Is Knocked Senseless

"I'M NERVOUS about you going up that path alone. Go along Garden Road."

A short while after warning his wife of the risk of proceeding along Brown Path alone, Corporal England, of the Royal Scots, was informed of the fact that she had been set upon and attacked by three Chinese thugs.

Staggering down the hillside to Aliborth Hall, May Road, with her raincoat and skirt torn and bespattered with mud, Mrs. England hysterically told the occupants that she had been savagely attacked by the three men as she was proceeding from Bowen Road to May Road along the lonely pathway.

The attack occurred at about 1.45 p.m. yesterday. Except for the four central figures in the drama and a heroic terrier dog, the pathway was entirely deserted at the time.

The dog was Mrs. England's terrier "Puppy." It savagely attacked her three assailants and, before it was rendered unconscious, succeeded in severely biting one of the men on the leg.

Fearful Motor Traffic

Mrs. England feared motor traffic more than thugs in deciding not to accept her husband's advice.

It was raining heavily when she reached a point along Brown Path midway between May Road and Bowen Road, and she did not take particular notice of two men as they dashed past her, thinking they were seeking shelter from the rain.

When the two had reached a point a few yards ahead of Mrs. England, however, they were joined by a third man, and the trio suddenly attacked her.

Stopped Screams

One man half suffocated her by grasping her around the neck, while another pushed his fist over her face in order to stop her screams. Immediately the three men attacked Mrs. England, the terrier "Puppy," barking loudly, attacked the three men. After one of the assailants had been bitten, another picked up the dog by its hind legs and knocked it unconscious by dashing its head against a stone.

Mrs. England managed to throw her work-bag, containing \$1.75 in cash and a woollen cardigan, at the assailants. After a search of the pockets of her raincoat and skirt proved abortive, the three men took the bag and decamped.

Mrs. England, suffering severely from shock, staggered down to Aliborth Hall, from where she was taken by taxi to her home.

Police investigations into the outrage are proceeding. Mrs. England is governess to the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kerr, of 4, Conduit Road. She was proceeding to Mrs. Kerr's residence, after seeing her husband, when the incident occurred.

LOYALIST ARMY 100 PER CENT. SPANISH

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The committee recommended that its terms be prolonged for a period of four months in order to allow for the completion of its duties.

SAFE FROM PERSECUTION With regard to the procedure of withdrawal, the report says that combatants who are political exiles are to be sent to the countries where they were domiciled when they decided to go to Spain as volunteers in the Loyalist army, but all who might object to persecution if they returned to their own countries, shall be entitled to be sent to some other country where they can be sure of being safe from persecution.

M. Georges Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, in the course of a speech to-day, said that in a few weeks the committee would probably be in a position to report that all foreign volunteers had been evacuated from Loyalist Spain.

This, he declared, must be followed by the total evacuation of foreign combatants from the Burgos zone in order to free Europe from the risk of an international conflict.

Viscount Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, supported the recommendations of the committee, and reiterated the British Government's conviction that all foreign intervention in Spain should cease.

M. Souritz, representing Soviet Russia, said that the report ended all attempts to cast doubt on the national character of the Loyalist forces, and M. Delvayro said that the truth that the Loyalist army was 100 per cent. Spanish would remain clear as a result of the meeting.—Reuter.

Colliding with a private motor car in Yee Wo Street, Chaiwan Bay, yesterday, Sapper Bennett, of the Royal Engineers, who was riding a motor cycle, suffered head injuries. He was taken to the Military Hospital.

I. R. A. BECOMES ACTIVE

Northern Ireland
In Ferment

LONDON, Jan. 16.

SIR DAWSON BATES, Northern Ireland Minister for Home Affairs, referring to the issue of a proclamation by the so-called "Irish Republican Government," and the Irish Republican Army, claiming that the Republic of Ireland was in existence, declared to-day that the recent outrages on the border of Northern Ireland were doubtless the first shots in the campaign.

Because they had knowledge of a plan of outrages which had been prepared, the Northern Ireland Government had been compelled to intern the leaders of the Irish Republican Army.

Sir Dawson Bates added that his Government would not be deterred from doing their duty, and would not shrink from exercising their powers. If necessary, they would seek additional powers for the purpose of restraining the criminal activities of unlawful associations, and the stamping out of outrage and murder as a means of achieving political ends.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET PRICES DOWN

London, Jan. 16.

Although business on the London Stock Exchange was more active to-day, the price trend in most groups was lower, gilt-edged securities failing to maintain their initial firm front.

Chinese bonds were at "purely nominal prices" on the news that full service of the customs loans was now uncertain.

Indian Irons were the brightest among the industrials, which otherwise showed small declines. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter Special.

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Syrian Ministers Resign

DAMASCUS, Jan. 16.

LOUFTI Hafar, Minister of Finance, and Fayez Thewry, Minister for Public Works have resigned from the Syrian Government. Hafar, in a letter announcing his resignation, declares that he has taken the step as a protest against the French Government's failure to ratify the recently concluded Franco-Syrian treaty of independence. There were further demonstrations against the Government to-day, when 15,000 students and school-children marched through the bazaars. Shopkeepers were obliged to close their shops and some windows were broken.—Reuter.

HANKOW SITUATION EASIER

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SHANGHAI, Jan. 16.

CONFORMING with the normalisation of the situation in Hankow, a certain easing of conditions in French Concession is noticeable.

When the Japanese first captured Hankow, many Chinese fled to French Concession, causing enormous overcrowding, and consequently a shortage of food and coal, as well as a big rise in prices.

The Japanese authorities have now started issuing permits allowing the Chinese to leave the Concession and to return to their homes.

It is stated that more than 1,000 left the Concession daily during the last fortnight.

While foreign exporters in Hankow are unable to receive shipping licences, Japanese exporters are starting to purchase wood-oil, which is an important export in the Hankow area.—Trans-Ocean.

HUMIDITY HIGH

Humidity this morning reached within seven per cent. of saturation point. Present sultry weather, caused chiefly by excessive humidity, is likely to continue.

Clouds, with drizzling rain or mist, are forecast. There may be an improvement later, however.

SPELTER FOR AIR RAID SHELTERS

LONDON, Jan. 16.

OPINION is expressed in some London metal circles that the recent improved demand for spelter is connected with the Government's air raid shelter programme.

Although no official statement is available regarding either the quantity or the price, it is believed that orders already placed are for between 100,000 and 120,000 tons of corrugated sheets of 14 gauge.

It is also believed that these extra-thick sheets have an additional coating of spelter in view of the abnormal wear to which they will be subjected when employed below the surface of the earth.

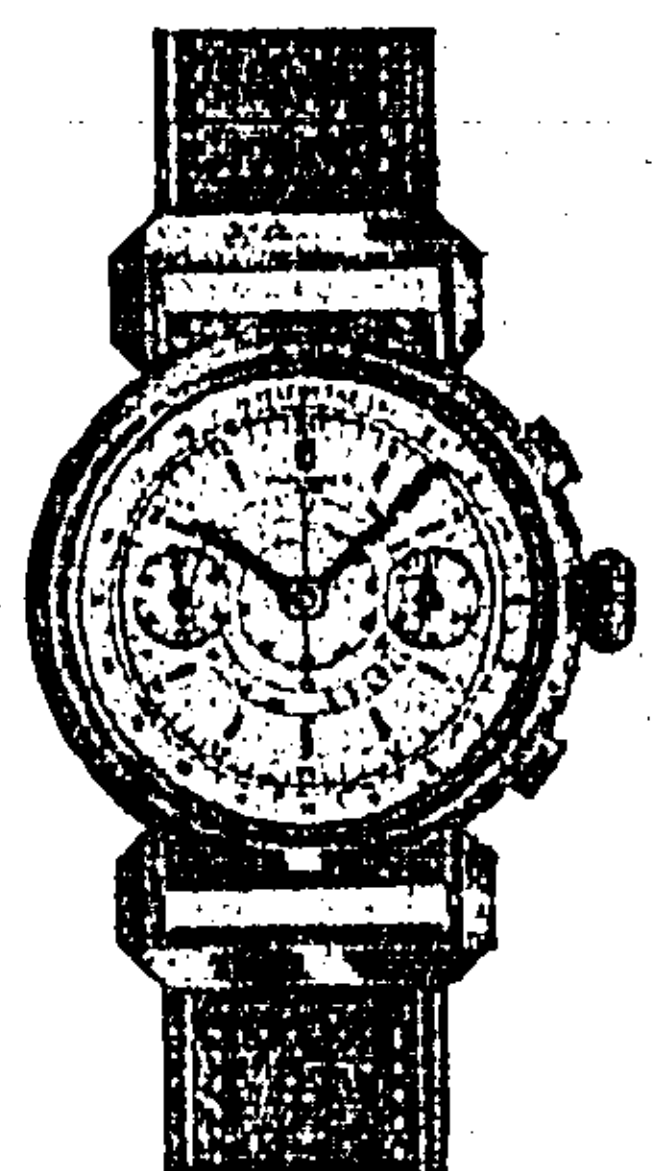
It is estimated that about 100 cwt. of spelter is used per ton of steel.

A popular estimate of the Government's probable requirements is placed at 500,000 tons over 12 months, though it is pointed out that works could take orders up to 1,000,000 tons for the same period, without interfering with the fulfilment of present industrial requirements.—Reuter.

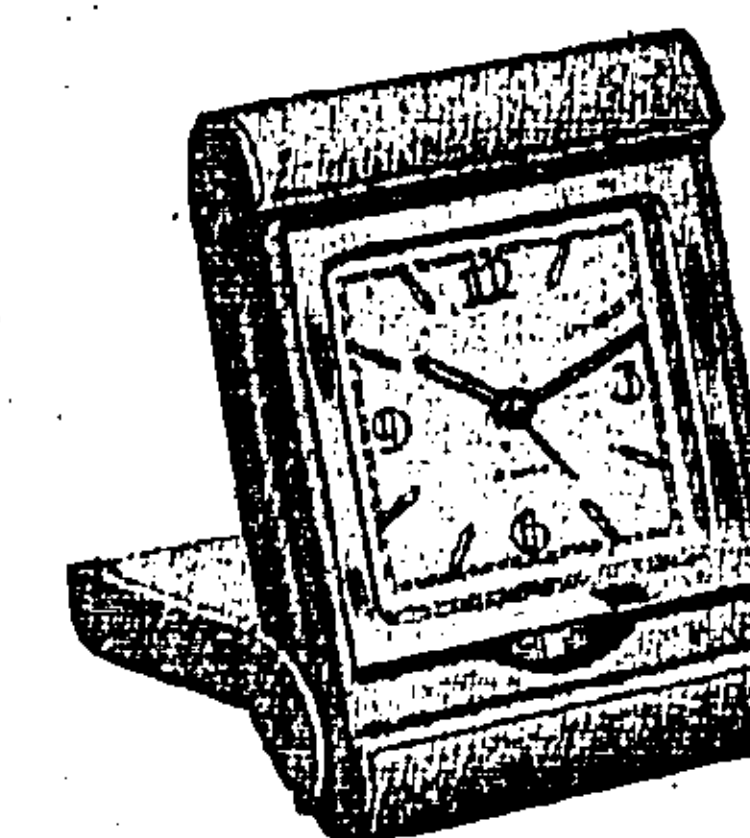
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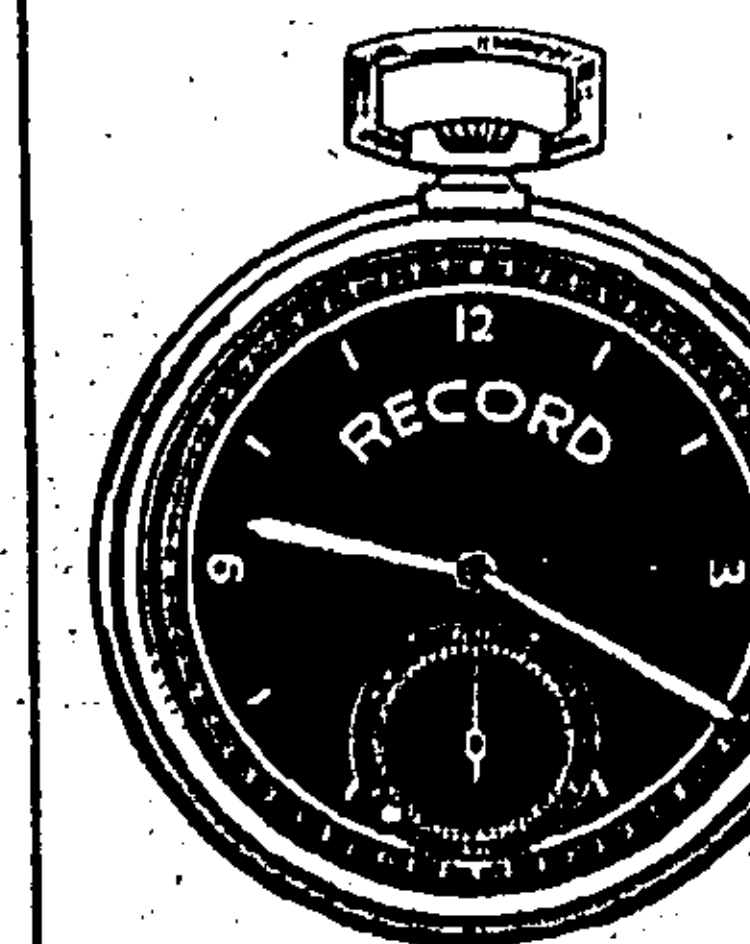
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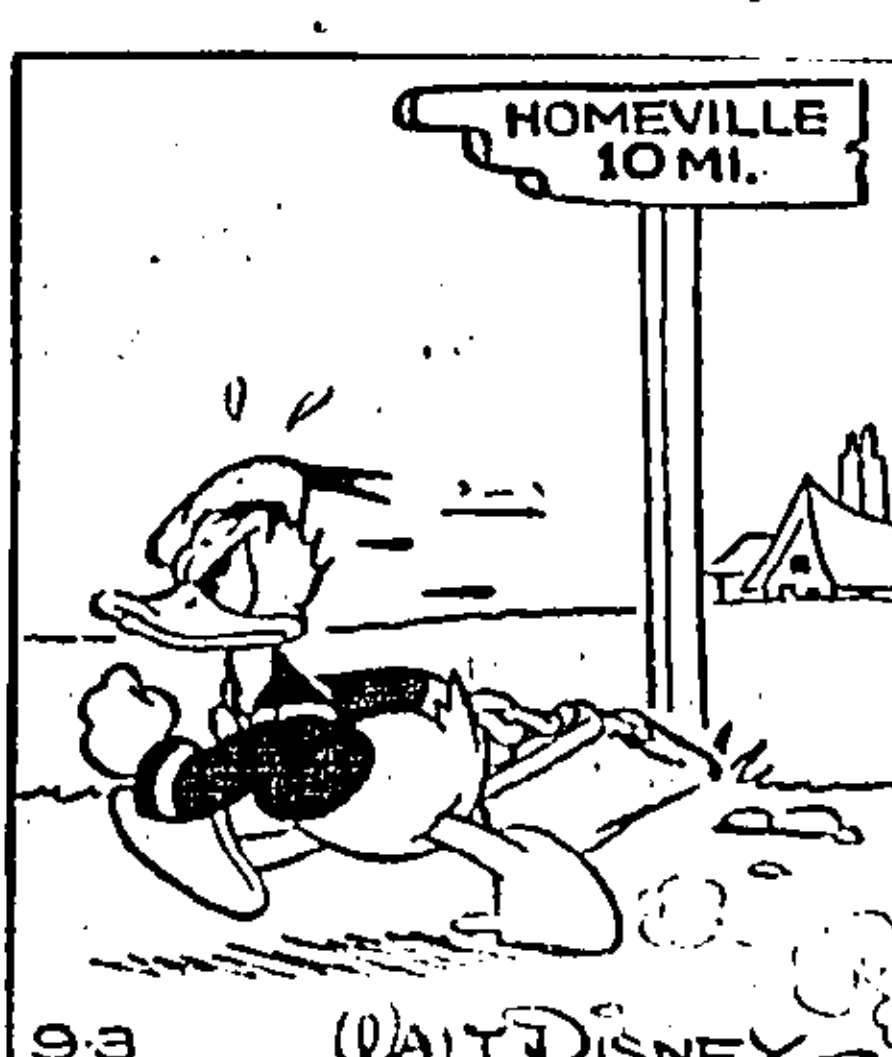
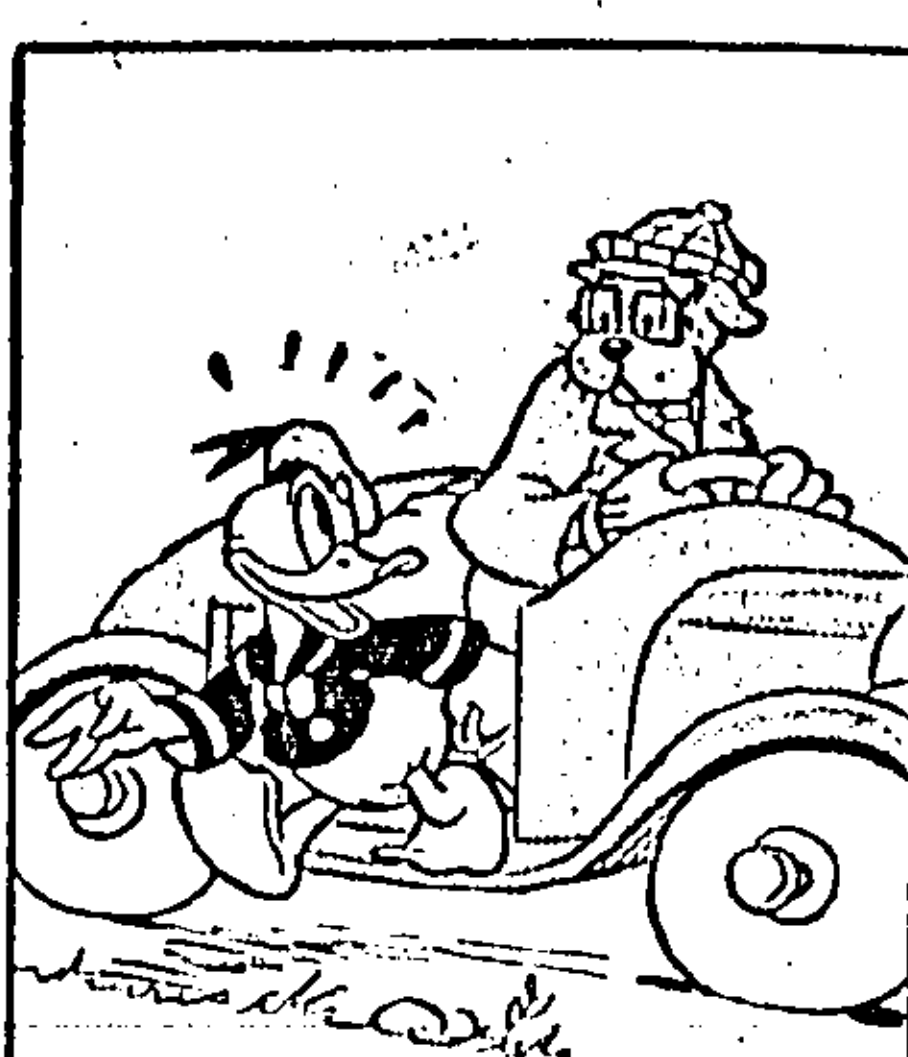
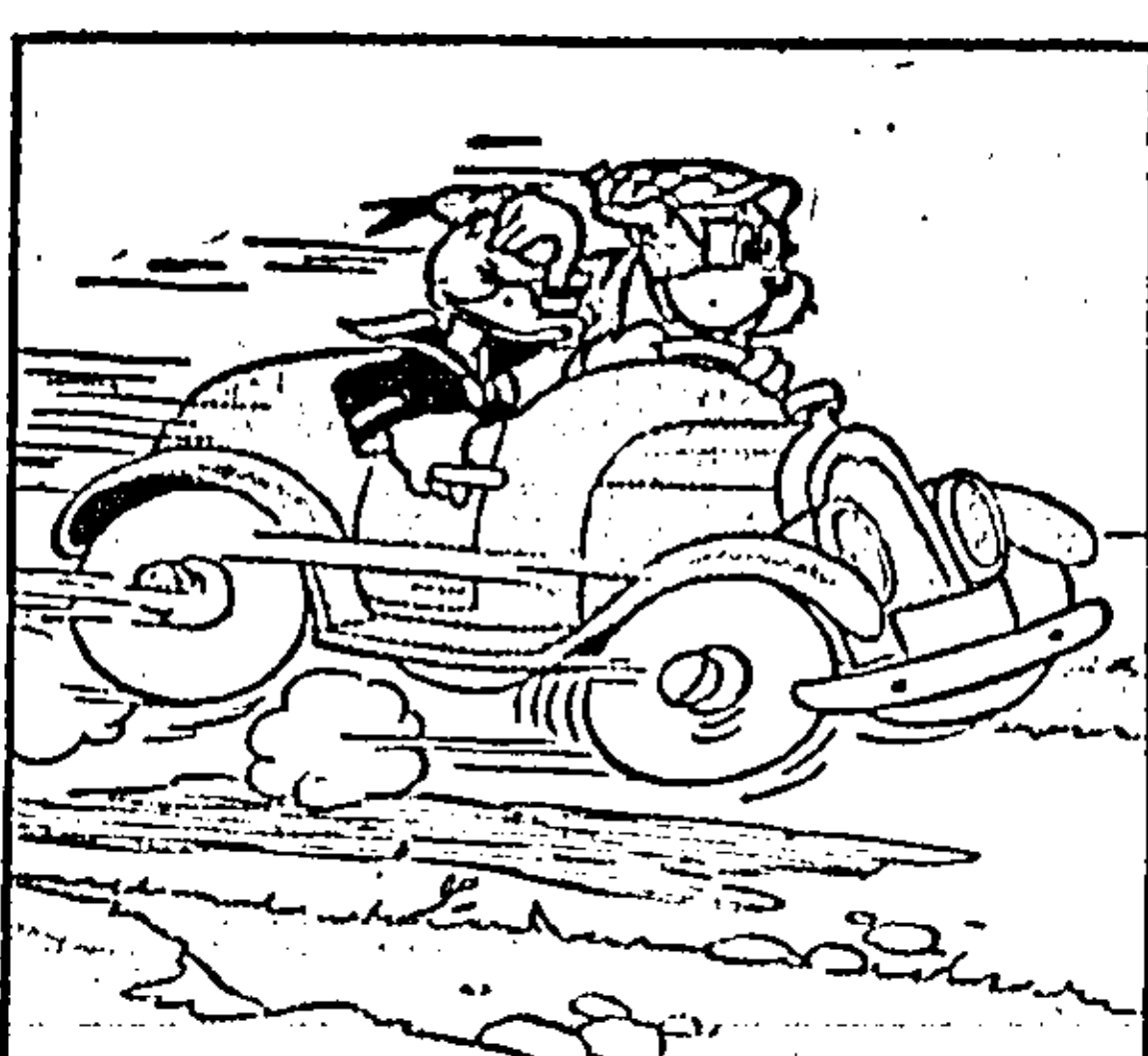
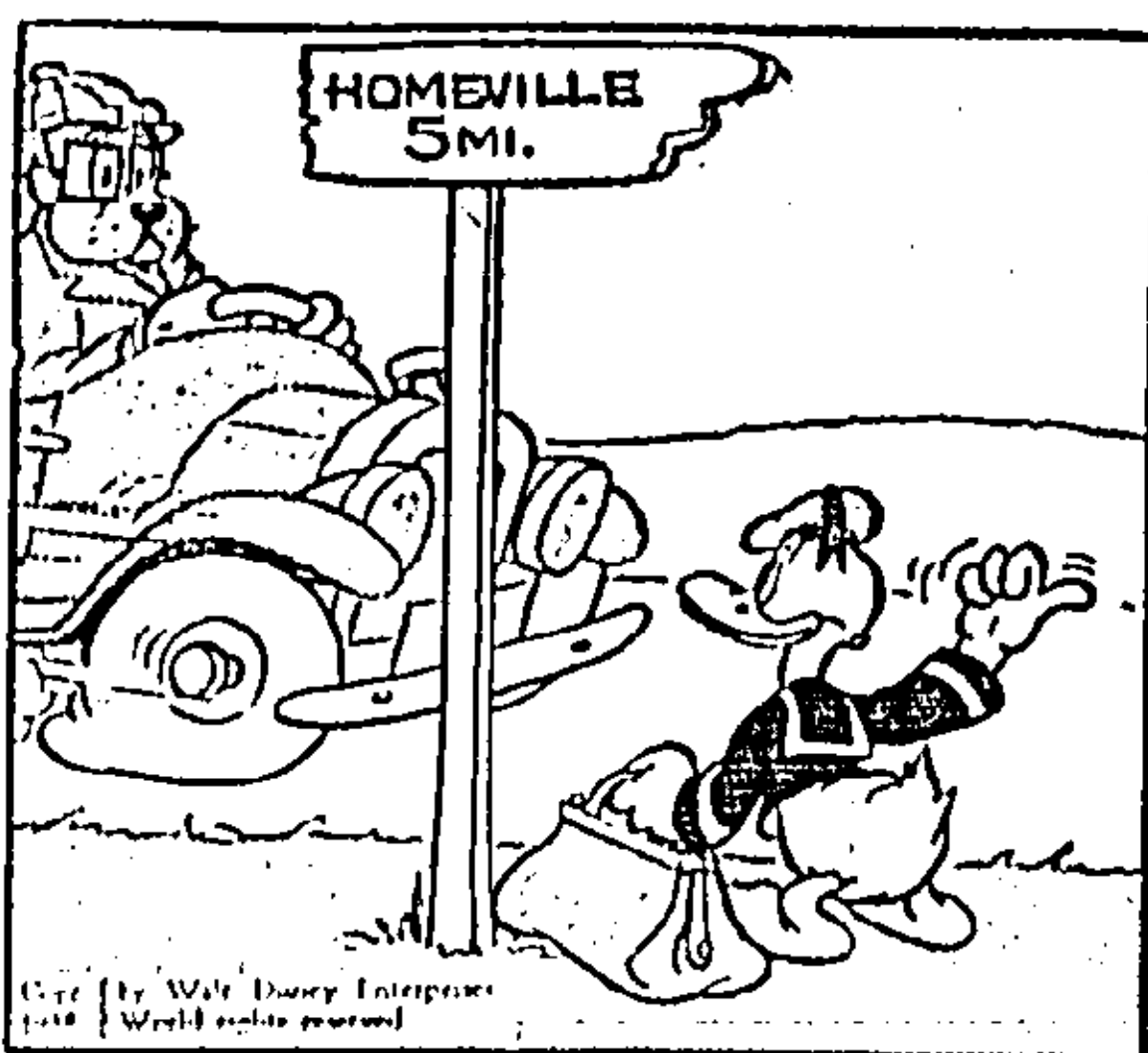
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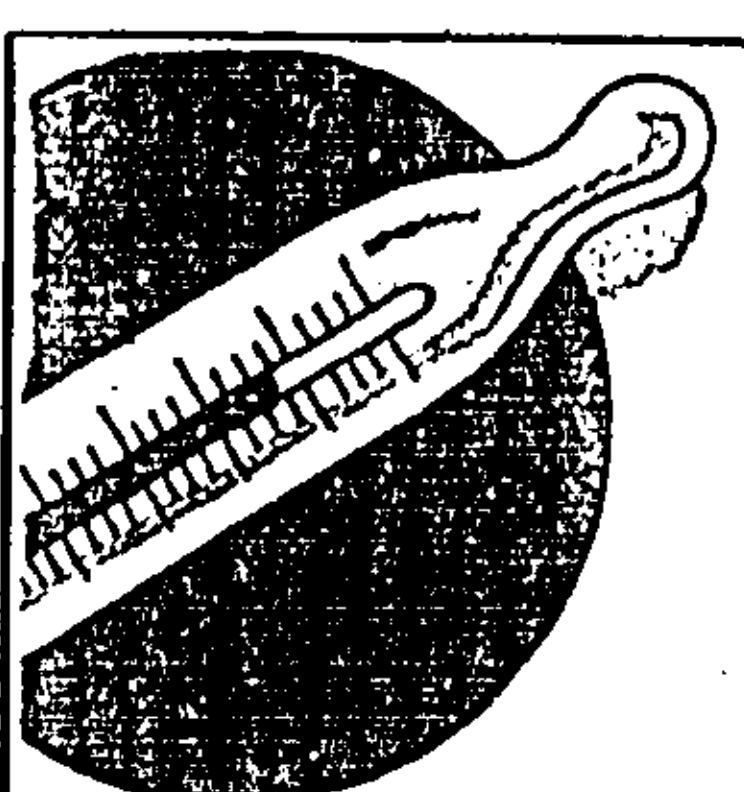
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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.20-12.30 **Kitty Masters (Vocal)** and **Geraldo & His Orchestra**.
You've Got Dust On Your Coat—Fox-Trot; Does Your Heart Beat—Fox-Trot; Gerald & His Orch. with Vocal Chorus. Love Is Like A Cigarette (Kent and Jerome); Many Happy Returns Of The Day (Ellis Music Hall Chorus); Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orch. The Lady In Red—Rumba (Film 'In Caliente'); Gerald & Rumba Orchestra with Vocal Chorus. When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens and Edmund); Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old Together (Britton and Edwards); Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orch. Orchestra My Heart Is Taking Lessons (Film 'Doctor Rhythm'); On The Sentimental Side (Film 'Doctor Rhythm'); Gerald & His Orch. 1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Billy Mayerl at the Piano.
Sweet Nothing (Nettenberg); Jasmine (A Syncopated Impression—Mayerl); Phil The Fluter's Ball (French-arr. Mayerl); Parade Of The Sandwich-Board Men (Mayerl).
1.15 Reuter and Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.20 Dance Music.
Rumbas—Maurin, My Own; Green Eyes—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—My Secret Love Affair (Film 'Love-ly to Look At')—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Hongkong Hotel, Speaker: Rotarian L. W. Amps. Subject: "Success".
2.15 Close down.
6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
(a) Gone with the Wind; (b) Satin Shoes a Holiday; (c) Sunday to the Stars; (d) Boston Tea Party.

6.14 Record: Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider (Leonard); Sonny Boy (Brown-Henderson); Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamullins.
6.21 (a) Picture me without you; (b) On Moonlight Bay; (c) Never in a million years; (d) Vieni Vieni.
6.35 Records: Dance Of The Paper Dolls (Schuster and Siras); The Squirrel Dance (Smith); Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano and Accordion; Billy Mayerl's Own Selection; Billy Mayerl (Piano).
6.44 (a) After you've Gone; (b) Jingle Bells; (c) Malindi Mele; (d) Bugle Call Rag.
7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 Gilbert and Sullivan Selections. "The Yeomen Of The Guard"; A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid; Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson and Nellie Brierecliffe with Orch. When A Woer Goes A-Wooing; Winifred Lawson, Nellie Brierecliffe, D. Oldham and G. Baker; Rapture! Rapture! D. Gill and P. Dawson with Orch. The Pirates Of Penzance; The Mable; Poor Wand'ring One; Elsie Griffin and Chorus of Girls with Orch. What Ought We To Do, Gentle Sisters, Say?; Nellie Brierecliffe and Nellie Walker; How Beautifully Blue The Sky; Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls. The Mikado; The Sun, When Boys Are All Alike; Elsie Griffin (Soprano); Bright Dawns Our Wedding Day; E. Griffin, D. Hemmingsway, D. Oldham and G. Baker.
7.27 Variety Programme including:

Billy Bennett, Elsie Carlisle, Ralph Silvester and Jay Wilbur's Band.
Saddle Your Blues To A Wild Mustang—Fox-Trot; Poor Little Angeline—Fox-Trot; Jay Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Refrain. Outside An Old Stage Door; So Many Memories; Ralph Silvester (Vocal) with Fred Hartley and His Sextet. Elsie Carlisle Medley; Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orch.; Melodie Of The Month, No. 8; Jay Wilbur (Piano) with Rhythm Accompaniment; Please let me sleep on Your Doorstep To-Night (Lee); Billy Bennett and His Kerstone Quartette with Banjo and Piano; "Hello Blackpool"—Medley; Jay Wilbur and His Band with Vocal Chorus. 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Studio-Concert by Geo. Pio-Ulsl's String Orchestra.
1. Gallia (De Maurizi); 2. Scheiden und Meiden—Waltz (Fetras); Interval; A Bowl Of Punch (Mortimer and Murray); Song Of The Bucentaur (Mortimer and Leonard); Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; 3. Andante (Fresco); 4. In A Russian Village (arr. Pio-Ulsl); Interval; Granada (Albeniz and Cuencas); Danza 3 (Granados and Lorente); Conchita Supervia Mezzo-Soprano with F. Marshall at the Piano; 5. Rhapsodie Andalouse (Rossi); 6. Dan Romanca (De Maurizi).
9.0 A Ballad Recital by Nan Maryska (Soprano), Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Keith Falkner (Baritone).
Without The Moon (Film 'Mayfair Melody'); San Diego Betty (Film 'Mayfair Melody'); Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Orchestra and Chorus; A Song Doesn't Care (Film 'Mayfair Melody'); Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Orchestra; Tres Jolie (Jeffries); Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra; My Lovely Celia (Monroe, arr. Lane Wilson); The Lass With The Delicate Air (Michael Arne); Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Ivor Newton; Marie England—Dances (German); Orchestre Raymonde cond. by G. Walter; Kathleen Mavourneen (Julia Crawford—Crouch); Killarney (Falconer-Balfe); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.
9.30 London Relay—The News.
9.50 Harold Ramsay at the Organ. Famous Marches Medley; Popular Melodies.
10.0 London Relay—This Racing Business.
3. The Thoroughbred; A talk by J. B. Robertson, M.C.E.V.
10.15 Dance Music.
Fox-Trot Procession Of The Sirdar (from Caucasian Sketches); Symphonic Fox-Trot—Samun; Sydney Kyle and His Band; Tango Argentino—A Farewell Letter; Helmut Huppertz and His Orch.; Fox-Trot—Maestro, Please (Film 'These Foolish Things'); Waltz—The Sweetest Song In The World (Film 'We're going to be rich'); Henry Jacques and His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra; Quick-Steps—There Goes My Affection; I'm Gonna Lock My Heart; Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Tango-Clasico; His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Minuet For A Modern Miss; Plastered In Paris; The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood; Fox-Trots—One O'clock Jump; Lullaby In Rhythm; Eddie Carroll and His Swingphone Orchestra; Quickstep—Mile Alone (from 'Paprika'); Slow Fox-Trot—Magyar Melody (from 'Paprika'); Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch.
11.0 Close down.



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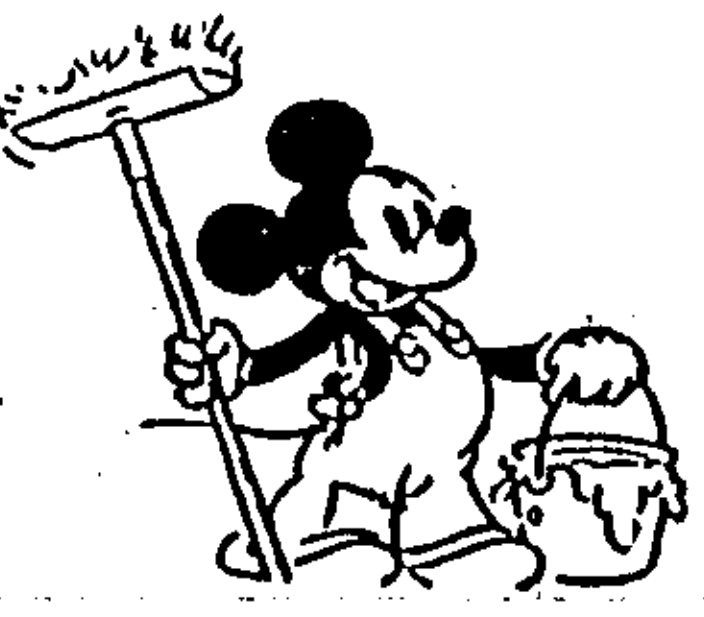
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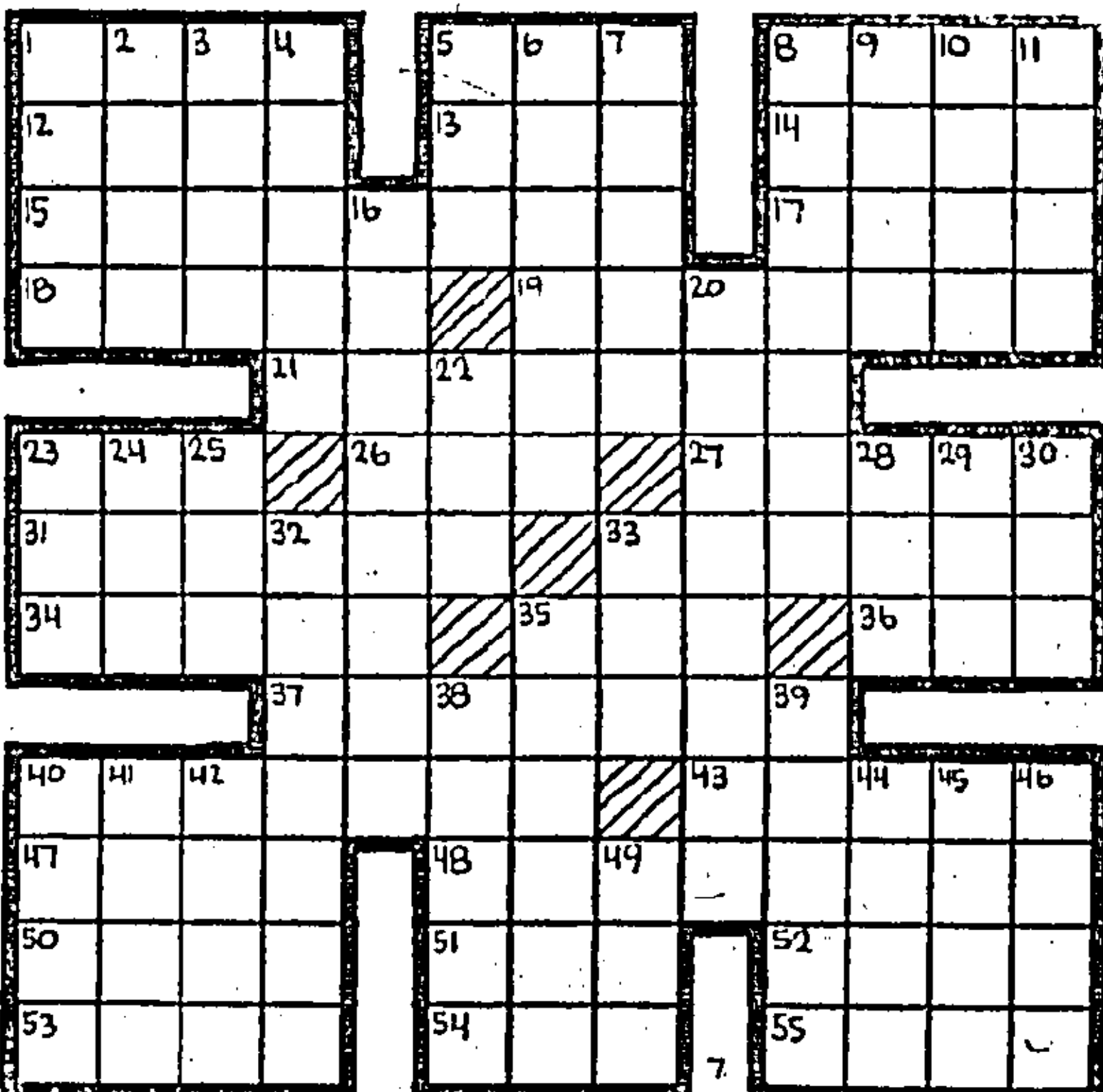


Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—State of proposition
2—Perform
3—Terror to be seen
(archaic)
4—On name level
5—Biblical name
13—Compensation for labor
14—More immature
17—Otherwise
18—On in
19—Enlarged in air direction
21—Device for drawing of liquid
22—Work as
23—Quick to learn
24—Bright star
25—Calm
26—Light, first red
28—Hundred
29—Drinking-counter
30—Pond
37—More unripe
40—One who leads a life
43—Bowed grand
46—Cause bell to sound
47—One who obtains release of captive for price
50—Grass of plants
51—Union of printers (abbr.)

DOWN
1—Pier
2—Baking chamber
3—Dispatched
4—Terminated
5—Common gas
6—Accepted as true
7—North Italian province
8—One who cuts with a scissor
9—Guard on handle of sword
10—Bleak tongue
11—Unbearable plant
12—Carrier of saint
13—Half-brown hare
22—Imitate slavishly
23—Dunkey
24—Regulation tool
25—Proceeding
26—Empire
27—Vice
28—Illness
29—Are able to discuss
30—Reid
35—Weird
36—Chimney
37—Street wanderer
41—Turn into snail
42—Frozen water
43—Make an end of, as a discussion
45—Blender spin
46—Mechanism for catching animals
49—Dweller in convent



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Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 16. The establishment of a "Rio-Washington Axis" against extra-territorial influences is to be discussed when Sen. Aranha, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, goes to Washington next week at the invitation of President Roosevelt. It was stated unofficially here to-day.

CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MIDDLE EAST TOUR

London, Jan. 16. Viscount Gort, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is leaving London on January 20 for a tour of inspection of the Middle East. He will be absent from London for a few weeks.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 16. Dr. Pospisil, head of the Czechoslovak financial delegation was the guest of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, at a private luncheon at No. 11 Downing street to-day, says British Wireless.

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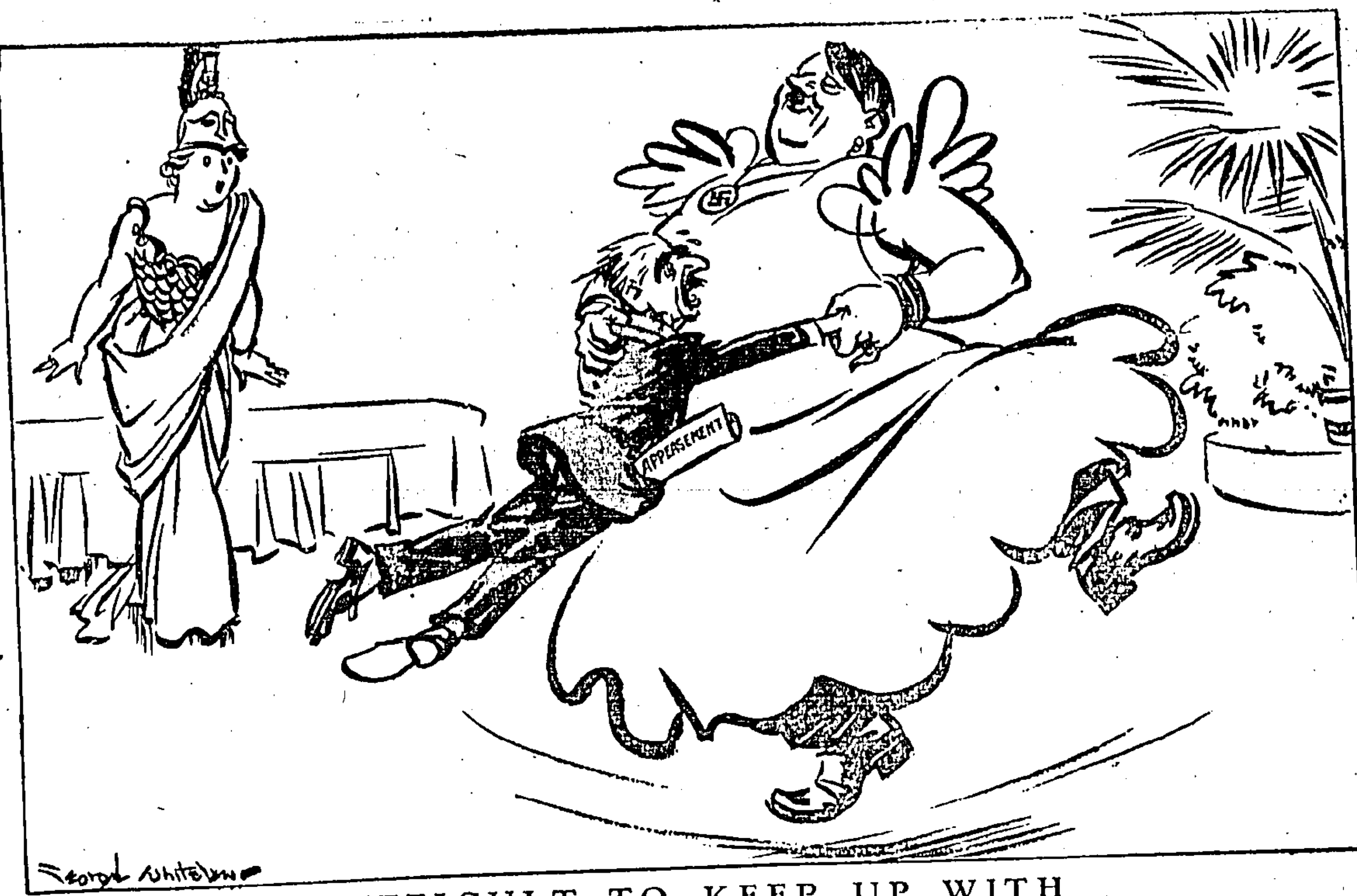
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Sir Samuel Hoare's big day

by STUART FLETCHER

RATHER more than a hundred years ago a gentleman named Samuel Hoare, ancestor of the Home Secretary, whose proposals for penal reform in England were reported recently, was urging upon prison governors of his time the widespread introduction of the treadmill into our jails.

As Chairman of the Prison Discipline Society, Samuel Hoare was in a position to talk with some authority of its "conspicuous advantages with regard to the moral benefits resulting to the prisoner."

ONLY a few years before this prisons were dens of such utter filthiness that a detailed description of them is impossible in a reputable newspaper.

They were run as private profit-making concerns. Their keepers made money out of the inmates by starving them, torturing them, or exacting bribes by harshly exploiting their labour and, when they were women, forcibly selling their virtue to outside visitors as well as to those inmates who could afford to pay the procurer's price. Innocent unfortunates were

hurled into the midst of the most depraved characters, sanitation was just a word of ten letters with no further significance, and five thousand prisoners died every year from jail fever, a form of typhus peculiar to English prisons.

It was by no means a rare occurrence when, in 1750, a Lord Mayor, two judges, and several jurymen and officers of the court died from jail fever caught from the prisoners at the Old Bailey.

PRISONS at this time, of course, had nothing to do with punishment. They were merely hovels, dens, and dungeons where guilty, innocent, and witnesses alike awaited trial.

Punishment for all but the most trifling offences unconnected with property consisted of either transference by way of the scaffold to another world or transportation by way of the Atlantic to the New World.

About a thousand convicts were transported every year to Britain's American territory. One result of America's successful War of Independence was that 200 offences previously punishable by transportation became capital offences.

The rest of the transportees were accommodated on hulks, converted vessels in the Thames or at Portsmouth, where the conditions were as horrible as those in the jails on shore.

The first agitation for reform

was made by John Howard, an austere Evangelical, who quite fortuitously became Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 1773, and, instead of regarding his ceremonial duties as a harmless charade, took them so earnestly that before long he had become a self-appointed prison investigator.

He spent the remaining sixteen years of his life braving the typhus-haunted horrors of British jails and exposing the scandals he found there.

His hair-raising evidence in Parliament resulted in the Penitentiary Bill of 1779, which in its turn finally produced the three-quarters-of-a-million pound Millbank Prison on the site now occupied by the Tate Gallery, and the numerous other "model" prisons that followed it.

INCIDENTALLY, some of the urgent need for prisons to accommodate lawbreakers passed with Captain Cook's discovery of a new transportation dump in Australia. Between 1787 and 1867 150,000 men and women were sent out as convicts to Australia.

One of Howard's enthusiasms, the result of his shock at the horrid conditions of 18th century jails, was the idea of solitary confinement for the criminal, a principle which became morally regenerated by isolation from corrupt influences and by meditation upon higher things. Designed on this principle the new jails of

the early 19th century confined the prisoner as far as possible to his cell, or (carefully "depersonalised" by a mask—these masks were retained as part of prison uniform until the end of the 19th century) to the treadmill shed and the chapel.

WITHIN the prisons the result was widespread suicide and insanity. Outside, meanwhile, the Industrial Revolution, the Corn Laws and the Chartist agitation produced a fifty per cent. increase in the number of criminal offences. The State's answer to poverty was the prison.

While solitary confinement was being elaborated in some jails, a silence system was being worked out at others. According to this theory prisoners could work, eat, exercise, even sleep in the same rooms, but they must never talk to one another.

Conditions varied from one prison to another. All were bad in some degree, and the slightest leakage to the outside world of humanitarian treatment of prisoners called forth angry protests.

For example, "I would banish," wrote the Liberal Sydney Smith, "all the looms of Preston Jail and substitute nothing but the treadmill or the capstan, or some species of labour where the labourer could not see the results of his toil, where it is as monotonous, irksome, and dull as possible."

With such sadism to confront, it took the reformers, a long procession of men and women with Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, the Quaker, as their inspiring example, very many years of protest before Parliament in 1837 centralised the control and conduct of the nation's prisons, and in 1844 swept away the solitary system as a general principle and substituted useful industries, such as millbag-making, for the foolish torture of the crank and the treadmill.

SINCE then many of the more blatant anomalies of prison life have been removed. Voluntary workers are welcomed instead of being regarded as to be feared. A former chairman of the Prison Commission, "a source of difficulty," Labour conditions, food, and health services have improved. Solitary confinement has been abolished except as a punishment.

But whoever, after reading the dreadful contents of the Webb's "English Prisons under Local Government," should feel that those bad old days are gone, should also read the Calver's book, "The Lawbreaker," and, better still, "The Truth About English Prisons," by a distinguished ex-prisoner, Mark Rancey, in order to effect complacency.

We are to some extent and by comparison with certain other countries a free people. But those of us who are Socialists believe that within a framework of voluntary discipline a greater freedom than we possess is obtainable. The application of this to the question of the criminal has been best stated by Bernard Shaw: "Imprisonment cannot be fully understood by those who do not understand freedom."

SMALLPOX IN HONGKONG

Hongkong has been declared an infected port on account of small-pox by the Government of the Federated Malay States.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The evils of the credit system which flourishes in this Colony are too frequently exemplified to need much comment. Indeed it would hardly be worth while commenting at length upon them—they would go on just the same. But we would just like to say a word or two about them. The credit principle is a handy one when used in reason, but in the Far East generally, and Hongkong in particular, it is grossly abused. By the Abyssinians, only last week, three individuals left this Colony "under a cloud" through nothing else but the fatal facility with which they could run up accounts with tradesmen and brokers.

25 YEARS AGO

This morning the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, distributed the prizes at the Diocesan School before a large gathering over which the Bishop of Victoria presided, supported by the Hon. V. H. C. Moyse, secretary, and Mr. Percy, head master. The school's successes in sport were very satisfactory. In all branches of the Hongkong School Athletic meeting in April it won events, including the Quarter-mile Challenge Cup gained by A. J. Kew.

We have, before now, remarked on certain spots in the Colony where more light is badly wanted. Kowloon is notorious in this respect, but there are places in Victoria itself where an extra street lamp or two could be placed with advantage. One of the worst is the long flight of steps in Chancery Lane where the absence of a light, half-way

down, makes the passage at night positively dangerous. On the other side of the water are several dark places. One in particular is Humphreys Avenue, which is a sufficient length to justify the erection of at least one lamp. Less imperative, perhaps, but still advisable is the provision of a lamp or two at the base of Signal Hill. This point is less used than many others, as is true, but it is sufficiently used to merit one light.

Inspectors P. and M. O'Sullivan who have been away on leave in Ireland for the past nine months returned to the Colony this morning, bringing with them their brides.

The Kowloon British School, for European Children of all ages, reopens on Monday, the 19th inst.—A. T. Hamilton, Headmaster.

10 YEARS AGO

The sensational practical attack on the s.s. Irene, owned by the China Mercantile Steam Navigation Company, which had an amazing ending, the ship being sunk by gunfire from H. M. Submarine LA (Commander F. C. Halsey) at Hase Bay in October, 1927, was recalled before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in the Supreme Court this morning, when the owners brought an action against Lieutenant Commander Halsey for damages, alleging wrongful sinking of the Irene.

The ship was attacked by pirates on the evening of Wednesday, October 10, when on a voyage from Shanghai to Amoy. At Hase Bay H.M. Submarine LA came on the scene and signalled the pirates (then proceeding upwards) to stop, which the pirates refused to do. The submarine then fired a warning

shot across the bows, and when this had no effect, a second shell was fired which struck the ship's engine room. The Irene sank in flames, while her crew were rescued by the Navy. The rescue work by the Navy especially by the men of LA, who saved 222 persons, was a feature of the occurrence.

Practically ever since litigation has been proceeding in Chambers over the claim, which was made public for the first time this morning.

5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. O. A. Smith and Miss A. M. Smith arrived in the Colony to-day by the s.s. Mishiama Maru from Australia.

Outside Manchukuo, the enthronement of a Manchukuo King is not likely to modify public opinion in favour of the Japanese policy. In the opinion of the "Times," which devotes a leading article to the forthcoming Coronation of Henry IV.

The "Times" says that European and American opinion will require more evidence than a mere change of title to the throne will make Manchukuo any less a client State of Japan, while at Nanking and in Southern China this determination of Japanese refusal to accept even a very shadowy Chinese suzerainty over Manchuria will hardly improve Sino-Japanese relations.

Foehow is now definitely under the control of Nanking, thus clarifying a somewhat ambiguous situation. It is understood that the troops of the XIXth Route Army left behind in the retreat south, have all crossed the Min River after fighting a rearguard action with Nanking marines and are now moving south to rejoin the main body.

HONGKONG TRADE FOR 1938 SETS RECORD DESPITE WAR

HUNGARIAN TROOPS MASS ON FRONTIER

PRAGUE, Jan. 16. HUNGARIAN TROOPS are marching from the interior towards the Carpatho-Ukrainian frontier.

Poland is concentrating troops on the northern frontier, it was announced by the Carpatho-Ukrainian Press to-day.

This is the official news service of the Carpatho-Ukrainian Government.—*Trans-Ocean*.

HUNGARY'S RELATIONS WITH REICH

Parleys Start In Berlin

BERLIN, Jan. 16. ALTHOUGH STRICT SILENCE is being maintained in all official circles regarding the subjects discussed by Herr Hitler and the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czaky, political circles are inclined to assume that four points were mentioned, these being:

Hungarian withdrawal from the League of Nations.

Hungarian-Czech-Slovak differences, which have resulted in several shooting affrays on the frontier and caused Germany to urge both Powers on more than one occasion to respect the Vienna arbitration.

The question of 600,000 Germans living in Hungary who recently founded a German-Hungarian League.

Hungary's relations with her two neighbours, Rumania and Yugoslavia, Germany being interested in promoting friendly relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia.

That Germany expects Hungary to withdraw from the League has been openly expressed in the newspapers. The "Essener National Zeitung", which often publishes the opinion of Field-Marshal Goering, says to-day that it may be assumed that Hungary will "further develop the anti-Comintern policy and revise her relations with the Geneva institution".—*Trans-Ocean*.

LEGATION LUNCHEON

Berlin, Jan. 16. The Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czaky, was received by Chancellor Hitler this afternoon, following a luncheon at the Hungarian Legation in honour of the Minister, at which Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop attended, together with Herr Rust, Minister of Education, and Herr Walter Funk, Minister of Economy.

It was the first occasion on which Herr Hitler had received the Foreign Minister of another country in the new Chancellery.—*Trans-Ocean*.

CZAKY SEES HITLER

Berlin, Jan. 16. Herr Adolf Hitler, accompanied by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, this afternoon received Count Czaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister.

The visit was the first step in the negotiations which Count Czaky is to have with the principal leaders of the Reich to examine all questions concerning the two countries.

It is learned that Count Czaky will not sign the anti-Comintern Pact in Berlin, but will probably do so at Budapest.

A two-hour conversation took place between Count Czaky and Herr von Ribbentrop this morning, and is said to have been very friendly in nature, and of a very general character.

It is understood that the German Foreign Minister took special pains to allay any disappointment Hungary might feel over the Vienna arbitration with regard to the Czech-Hungarian frontier.

The question of the German minorities in Hungary was touched on, as well as economic questions relating to the Danube basin.

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BUSH FIRES SUBDUED

Victoria Recovers from Black Week

MELBOURNE, Jan. 17. ALTHOUGH THE State Meteorologist predicted a continuation of the drought, there was a totally unexpected fall of rain throughout Victoria to-day.

The rain blanketed the bush fire areas, effectively dampening the holocaust after thousands of fire-fighters had impotently struggled against the flames for nearly a fortnight.

Temperature, which reached all-time records in three States last week, dropped appreciably.

The rain saved at least one town which faced certain destruction. This was Brimbank, in Victoria, which was surrounded by a wall of flame and had been abandoned as doomed.

Although all the fires are not out, they have been checked and it is not considered likely that they will recur.

EXPORTS JUMP \$44,579,556: CHINA TRADE FLOURISHED

ALTHOUGH HONGKONG'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN DECEMBER DECLINED BY \$15,291,508 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1937, THE TOTAL TRADE FOR THE WHOLE OF 1938 INCREASED BY \$45,684,526 TO REACH THE NEW RECORD OF \$1,130,071,214.

Imports during 1938 totalled \$618,168,937, an increase of \$1,104,970 over 1937. Exports totalled \$511,902,277, an increase over 1937 of \$44,579,556.

The Colony's adverse trade balance, which was \$149,741,246 in 1937, was only \$106,266,660 in the period under review.

These statistics do not include goods in transit, transshipments, passengers effects, army, navy or air force imports or treasure and bullion.

Serious Decline

In December

The effect of Japan's stranglehold on the occupied areas of China was chiefly felt in Hongkong in November and December.

In December imports declined from \$49,342,058 in 1937 to \$46,496,841 in 1938.

Exports declined even more drastically, the total in December last year (\$33,535,169) being \$12,446,291 more than the total for the corresponding period in 1937.

Actually, Hongkong's trade with China over the whole twelve months of last year was a record, the total of \$463,991,816 being \$62,269,645 higher than in 1937.

Medico's Death In Shameen

Dr. Paul Todd Was Beloved By Chinese

DR. PAUL TODD, the famous English physician in Canton, died of heart disease yesterday morning in Shameen.

Founder of several hospitals and medical schools in Canton, Dr. Todd was one of the leading personalities in the medical circles in south China.

He gained great friendship with the Chinese when he, then more than 60 years old, led a medical corps of Cantonese doctors and nurses to establish a field hospital at the front in the Nanjing-Shanghai railway zone shortly after the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The doctor returned to Shameen only recently with a number of nurses by a gunboat to participate in medical service to war-refugees in the doomed city, after his return from England from previous illness.

French Demarche To Japan

Paris, Jan. 16. The French Government is shortly making a demarche to Japan, asking for further information on the recent declaration of Japanese statesman concerning Japan's policy in China, and the application of the Nine-Power Treaty.

Similar demarches have been made by Britain and the United States.—*Reuter*.

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Imports from China totalled \$233,264,347, compared with \$211,321,185 in 1937. Exports to China totalled \$230,727,469, an increase of \$40,326,483 over 1937.

This abnormal total was effected despite a serious drop in both imports and exports during the last month of the year, when imports from China fell by \$4,649,001 to \$15,761,968 and exports to China fell by \$13,475,409 to \$7,717,927.

Trade With South China

There was a drastic curtailment of Hongkong trade with South China in December, due to the Japanese occupation of Canton. Imports from South China (Canton, Hoihow, Kowloon, Wuchow, Kiangchow and Yunnan) fell from \$12,417,039 in December, 1937, to \$5,360,036 in the last month of 1938, while exports to South China decreased from \$14,409,998 in December, 1937, to \$3,510,888 last month. The figures for South China are the lowest since the Chinese boycott.

Despite this loss of trade, and a decline recorded in the preceding month, trade with South China during the whole of 1938 was higher than 1937 by \$6,045,979, exports in 1938 totalling \$139,643,818 and imports totalling \$135,569,145.

Bullion Movements

Although the Colony's total trade during 1938 showed an adverse balance of \$109,268,060 an excess of exports over imports of bullion and treasure, it added, gives actually a favourable trade balance of \$72,255,778.

Bullion and treasure exported from Hongkong, principally to the United States and Great Britain, totalled \$185,123,656, while imports, principally from China, totalled \$9,001,218.

Since January 1, 1937 Hongkong has exported bullion and treasure valued at the staggering total of \$583,350,180, while in the same period imports have totalled only \$399,650,173.

Most of the bullion and treasure has comprised gold and silver bars handled, it is believed, on behalf of the Chinese Government. Practically all has gone to either London or New York.

Former Ambassador On Hit-Run Charge

Hanover, Virginia, Jan. 16. Mr. William Dodd, former United States Ambassador to Berlin, has been indicted on a charge of hit-and-run driving.

The charge arises from an accident in which a four-year-old negro girl was knocked down and badly injured. When informed of the accident, Mr. Dodd said that the girl ran across the road; he swerved, and he thought he had missed her.

The hearing is fixed for March 2.—*Reuter*.

Italian Troops At Aicha

Djibouti, Jan. 16. Italian troops are stated to have arrived at Aicha, near the frontier of French Somaliland, as well as a large quantity of war material.

The enlistment by the Italians of tribesmen continues, according to news reaching here.—*Reuter*.

Italian Attacks On France Intensified

ROME, Jan. 16. THE "INFORMAZIONE DIPLOMATICA," official organ of the Italian Foreign Office, to-day outlined the conversations between Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini during the Rome parleys.

The organ states that Signor Mussolini warned Mr. Chamberlain that Italy would resume freedom of action if any foreign nation sent troops or assistance to the Loyalists in Spain.

Signor Mussolini told Mr. Chamberlain that the conditions which must be fulfilled before Italy would consent to a withdrawal of volunteers from Spain were the withdrawal of all volunteers with the Loyalists and the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco.

Mussolini is said to have informed the British Premier that the Spanish question was the main obstacle to a resumption of relations with France and, because of this, it would be impossible for friendly relations to be resumed until the end of the war in Spain.

"This should end all rumours that Italy is asking Great Britain to mediate between Italy and France," the official organ says, commenting on the statement.

In another Rome newspaper, Signor Gayda accuses France of aiding the Loyalists for the past two years, and describes France's action as an organised plot against Spanish freedom.

In Paris, M. Leon Blum, writing in his newspaper "Le Populaire", pleads for the re-opening of the French frontier into Spain. He declares that Italy wants to keep the frontier closed while, at the same time, she is pouring troops into Insurgent Spain.

M. Blum saw the French Premier, M. Daladier, to-day, and is understood to have discussed the situation with him.

ANTI-FRENCH PRESS

Rome, Jan. 16. A violently anti-French tone again pervades the Italian press to-day.

Signor Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" accuses the French of provocation, and says that the things to come to a point between France and Italy was no question of compulsion, and that the entire incident was amicable.

The appearance of the British destroyer, it is stated, was sufficient for the Japanese to release their prize.

British Pro-Consul For Trial

London, Jan. 16. The reasons which led to the arrest of the British pro-Consul in San Sebastian, Mr. Golding, and his wife, have, according to informed quarters here, been communicated not only by the Burgos authorities to the British representative, Mr. Cecil Jerram, but no communication regarding their nature has been made.

It is stated that the trial of Mr. and Mrs. Golding will take place shortly, and will be held in public.

A third person, Senora Largaide, who was employed in the Goldings' office, will be charged at the same time.

It is added that the British Government has taken the necessary steps for counsel to be instructed for the defence.—*Trans-Ocean*.

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ARTILLERY DUEL ACROSS YELLOW RIVER

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16. AN ARTILLERY DUEL of major proportions opened to-day on the Yellow River in the southern part of the Shansi province, according to Chinese reports.

The reports claim that the Japanese attempt to cross the river was frustrated.

Chinese irregulars succeeded to-day in derailing and wrecking a train carrying several thousands of Japanese soldiers to Chohsien on the Tatung-Puchow line.

A report from Peiping says that a railway bridge near Changchuan has been dynamited and destroyed by Chinese guerrillas.—*Trans-Ocean*.

BRITISH DESTROYER TRAILS TRAWLER

Junk Seizure Near Hongkong Waters

A HONGKONG REGISTERED junk seized by a Japanese trawler after three shots had been fired across its bows.

The junk crew, forced to abandon their ship, picked up by a British destroyer which followed the Japanese vessel until it released the junk.

These are the highlights in an incident revealed for the first time this morning.

The junk was seized by the Japanese at 5 p.m. on January 10, whilst it was in Chinese waters east of Mirs Bay.

Three shots were fired across its bows and seven Japanese boarded it in a small boat.

They demanded the junk's papers from Li San, master of the vessel.

Although these papers indicated that the junk was No 565, registered in Hongkong, the Japanese forced the crew to take a small boat, and took the junk to tow.

Shortly afterwards the crew of the junk were picked up by H.M.S. Thamez, on piracy patrol.

The British destroyer immediately followed the Japanese trawler, while news of the incident was flashed to the authorities in Hongkong by radio.

The British destroyer quickly caught up with the slower Japanese vessel, and after a short while the Japanese abandoned their tow, which was recovered by the British.

Naval authorities in Hongkong are emphatic that there was no question of compulsion, and that the entire incident was amicable.

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Scotland Yard is investigating three mysterious street explosions, one in London and two in Manchester, which have resulted in the deaths of two people and serious injury to three others.

One was killed and one injured when an explosion in London ripped up hundreds of yards of pavement.

One was killed and two injured in two similar explosions in Manchester.

SPECIAL DUTY ON EGG IMPORTS REVOKED

London, Jan. 16. An order issued on the recommendation of the Import Duties Advisory Committee revokes the specific duties which are charged under the Finance Act of 1933 in substitution for a general ad valorem duty on eggs, not in their shell.

Accordingly these goods are again liable from January 18, to a general ad valorem duty of 10 per cent.—*Reuter*.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

topsy-turvy dismantled
tootsey-wootsey rickety
high-falutin dismilitude
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.



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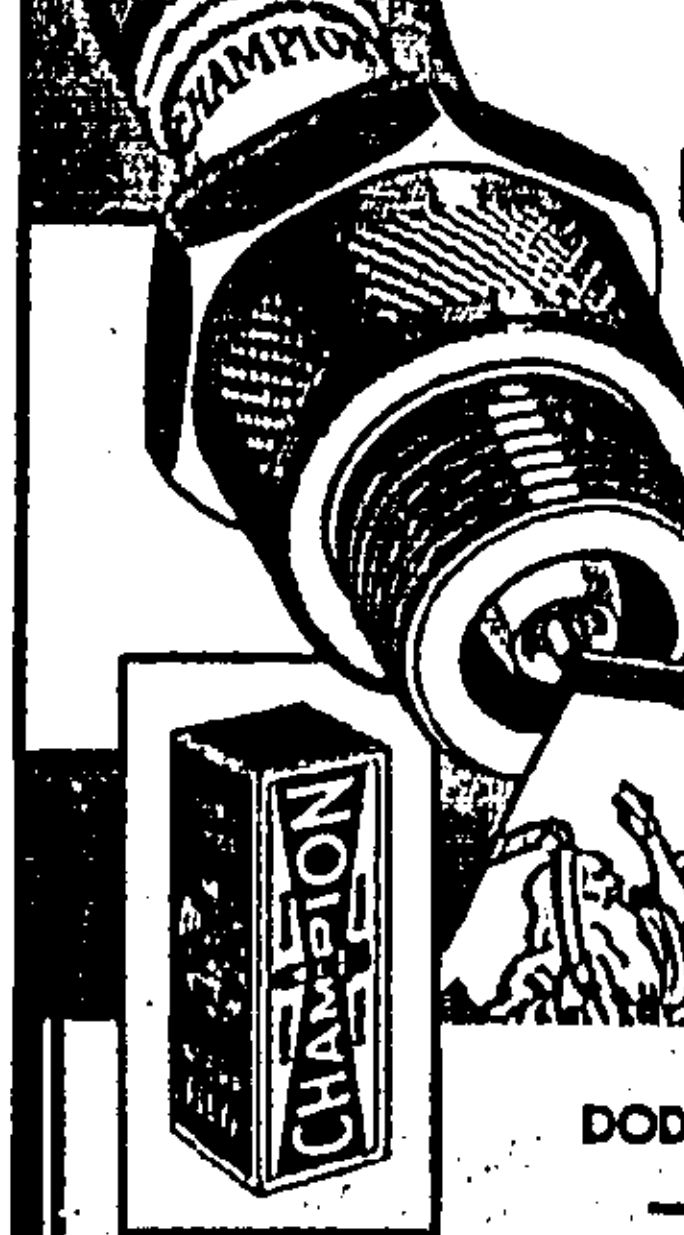
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ST. ANDREW'S "A" NOW FAVOURITES FOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

St. John's Defeated In Important Encounter

St. Andrew's "A" went an important step further towards winning the "B" Division of the badminton league last night when they received and defeated the champions, St. John's Cathedral, by six games to three.

The encounter provided some of the best league badminton seen this season, and the spectators were thoroughly excited by the rousing rallies and close results.

St. Andrew's were a perfectly balanced team with especially good form being shown by their third string, Brown and Gillis. They are probably the best third couple of any team in the division, and proved their value last night by winning two games.

St. John's were grand losers, and with the slightest bit of luck might well have turned the result in their favour. However, on the evening's display, St. Andrew's were a trifle superior and deserved to win.

The encounter of the evening was that between E. Fincher and H. Kew and Norman Smith and Peter Wilson. Smith played glorious badminton, practically monopolising the court to out-smash the doughty St. Andrew's couple. It was anybody's game, with all four players at intervals producing sparkling form. The score was settled at 20-11, and then the visiting pair annexed the necessary five points to win 24-20.

HOW GAME WENT
In the opening game, in which the players were warming up, W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong beat Frank Kwok and Bevan 21-17, and then matters being equal, the visitors won by beating Fincher and Kew. Gillis and Brown went on to account for Kwok and S. F. Newman.

The home side increased their lead when Fincher and Kew beat Kwok and Bevan, and when Brown and Gillis proceeded to defeat Wilson and Smith to cause the biggest surprise of the evening, St. Andrew's were in a very powerful position with a lead of 4-1.

The issue was decided when in the next game Choy and Wong beat Kwok and Newman after a settled game at 20-11. This was a see-saw encounter in which the pairs were 17-11, then the home side led 20-17, then were pulled back to 20-11, and which they finally won at 23-20.

After this St. John's staged a strong recovery. Kwok, playing at his best, helped Bevan to beat Gillis and Brown, and Wilson and Smith, after trailing Choy and Wong 3-11, caught up and overtook their opponents to win 21-16.

In the last match of the evening, Fincher and Kew beat Kwok and Newman 21-8, and thus St. Andrew's won by 6-3.

SECOND DEFEAT
This is St. John's second defeat of the season, the champions losing last week to the Recreio. Although they are by no means eliminated from the championship race, their prospects have been considerably jeopardised by these reverses, and they will need to beat St. Andrew's in the return game if they are to stand any chance of retaining the league title.

On the other hand St. Andrew's are now strongly placed and have become firm favourites for the championship. There is little question that they possess a team capable of winning the league, but they have still some difficult matches ahead, notably a visit to Kowloon Tong, and another to St. John's Cathedral.

Scores:
W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's "A") beat F. H. Kwok and R. Bevan 21-17; lost to N. Smith and P. Wilson 17-21; beat D. Kwok and S. Newman 23-20.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's "A") beat Kwok and Bevan 21-13; lost to Smith and Wilson 20-24; beat Kwok and Newman 21-8.

W. M. Gillis and A. E. Brown (St. Andrew's "A") lost to Kwok and Bevan 14-21; beat Smith and Wilson 21-10; beat Kwok and Newman 21-7.

DOMESTIC TIE
At Kowloon Tong last evening, the "A" defeated the "B" by 5-4.

Scores:
P. Lo and P. Fletcher ("A") beat J. L. Anderson and J. Smith 21-14; beat J. A. de V. Soares and J. Tsang 21-18; lost to N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 14-21.

R. Z. Lee and F. S. Ko ("A") beat Anderson and Smith 21-13; beat Soares and Tsang 21-12; beat Mackay and Chan 21-17.

F. Tsang and J. Chen ("A") lost to Anderson and Smith 17-21; lost to Soares and Tsang 11-21; lost to Mackay and Chan 14-21.

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	Games	W	L	T	Pts.
St. Andrew's "A"	9	8	1	0	16
Kowloon Tong "A"	8	6	0	2	12
St. John's	8	6	2	0	12
Chung Wah	5	3	2	0	6
Recreio	6	3	3	0	6
K. Tong "B"	7	3	4	0	6
V.R.C.	6	2	4	0	4
Wanderers	6	1	5	0	2
S. and S. Home	6	0	6	0	0
St. Andrew's "B"	5	0	5	0	0

"A" DIVISION TIE
King's College were at home to University "B" in the "A" Division of the League last evening and won the tie by 7-2.

COUNCIL MEETING
A meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association Council will be held in the S. C. M. Post Board Room on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

Included in the agenda will be a discussion on the approaching annual Colony Championships.

BARDSLEY DEFENDS LARWOOD

London, Dec. 20.
It will please Larwood's admirers that none other than Warren Bardsley, Australia's famous left-hander, writing in the Australian paper "The Sporting Globe," defends Larwood tooth and nail.

He devotes two columns to the unforgettable body-line controversy, giving his piece the title, "Larwood Was Right." Here are a few shots from Bardsley's amende honorable:

"There would never have been any objection to Larwood's bowling if it had not been so accurate. . . . The bowler's object is to give the batsman what he doesn't want, and that's all. . . . Body-line or no body-line, Larwood repeatedly clean-bowled his men, and I repeatedly saw batsmen hit in front of the wicket. . . . How would the public have taken it if the boot had been on the other foot and Larwood had been an Australian? . . . Certainly Jardine would never have protested."



SAFE!—Eva Churn, captain of the Cubs, is shown here beating the ball to first base by inches in Sunday's softball match against the Canadian Chinese girls. The Canadians won by 21-9.—Photo by Jaffer.

Here And There With "Abe"

New Holders Of Ladies' Doubles Tennis Title

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Chiu Chun-chiu and Mrs. Williams on their success in the Ladies' Doubles tennis championship of the Colony. On Sunday they met Mrs. Tracey and Mrs. Skinner in the final at the United Services R.C. and won by 6-1, 6-3. That they won was more or less expected by many of those who had been following progress of the ladies' tennis championships this winter; but the ease with which they did so must have surprised even their most optimistic supporters. They, however, almost always emerged winners in the long driving duels, which were a feature of the match, and their strokes always seemed more effective than those of Mrs. Tracey and Mrs. Skinner. As both Mrs. Chiu and Mrs. Williams kept to the base-line almost throughout the whole encounter, the fact that one (Mrs. Chiu) is right-handed and the other left-handed did not hamper them much. It would probably have done had they embarked upon a net campaign. This victory represents Mrs. Chiu's second success in the tournament as she and Miss Rose Perry (now Mrs. Fletcher) won the title last year.

Civilian Selections
ONE of the first things to be noticed in the Civilian team to meet the Army in the Lai Wah Cup competition on Saturday is the absence of St. Joseph's players from the side which, as at present constituted, is made up of five Kowloon F.C. men, three Club and three Police. In the St. Joseph's team nowadays are players like C. F. Remedios, N. Beltrao and A. V. Gosano, who would be first choices for their respective positions in the Civilian team had they been available. But unfortunately they are not; Beltrao and Gosano will be playing cricket on Saturday and, for business reasons, Remedios cannot turn out. David Leonard's claims to the centre-forward position have been passed over, and Freddie Fowler, of the Club, has been chosen to fill this berth. Many followers of the game

here will dispute this assumption that Fowler is a better centre-forward than Leonard. Personally I have noticed an improvement in Leonard's play this season, and it seems rather unfortunate for him that just when he is beginning to play something like his old self, he has been passed over for one whose claims are certainly no better than his. Apart from the centre-forward position, the side is as good as can be put up, with due regard to the material at the disposal of the selectors. One player I would like to see given a trial in a representative match is young J. Gomes, the St. Joseph's inside left. He is as tricky and as fast as Jorge, the Kowloon inside-right, and equally as hard-working. These two are the most promising young non-Chinese inside-forwards we have to-day in local soccer, and should be given every encouragement by our selectors.

Farr Complains
TOMMY Farr, the British heavyweight, made no excuses when he was beaten by Lou Nova last December. Outpointed by Clarence "Red" Burman, an almost unknown heavyweight, last Friday, Farr, it is reported, now intends to ask the State Boxing Commission to reverse the decision. As stated in the cable published yesterday, the decision was unpopular with the crowd, who cheered the loser and booed the winner. Nevertheless, the judges gave the decision to Burman while the referee said the fight was a draw. The United Press score-sheet gave Burman five rounds, Farr three with two even. Significantly, the New York Times and the Herald-Tribune fight experts say that there was no doubt that Burman won, regardless of the jeers of the crowd, and the complaints of Farr's manager. This defeat means that Farr has slipped another rung in the ladder of fame, the height of which he reached when he went the full 15 rounds with Joe Louis. Judging by the reports about him, Farr is not a "squealer," and therefore he must

F. A. CUP REPLAY RESULTS

London, Jan. 16.
Replay matches in the third round of the F. A. Cup, played to-day, resulted as follows:
FIRST REPLAY
*Southend 4 Chesterfield 3
Notts Forest 0 Huddersfield 3
After extra time.
SECOND REPLAY
Middlesbrough 1 Bolton 0
(at Leeds)
—Reuter.

Max Baer Becomes Cowboy Crooner

Hollywood, Jan. 16.
Max Baer was signed up by the movies as a cowboy crooner to-day. The former heavyweight boxing champion will be the rough-riding sweet-toned hero of six western films to be made by the Arcadia Pictures Inc.

It was announced that Baer will sing on horseback and the pictures will be in technicolor.
Baer on one previous occasion appeared in a full-length feature in which he played opposite Primo Carnera.—United Press.

have good reasons for asking the Commission to reverse the decision.

Dempsey's Protago

CLARENCE "Red" Burman is an Irish-American and a protégé of Jack Dempsey, the former heavyweight champion of the world. While not in the actual boxing ring last year, Burman received honourable mention, and, with the exception of being knocked out by John Henry Lewis, he has since done very well. He was not expected to beat the Welshman, however.

In The Army Now

HENNER Henkel, now Germany's leading lawn tennis player in the retirement of Baron Gottfried von Cramm, is serving with the colours. He is allowed time off from his regiment, the Infantry Regiment 87, to go to Berlin where he trains with Roderich Menzel, the former Czechoslovakian player, on a covered court. Henkel has already been nominated captain of Germany's Davis Cup team for the 1939 competition, while Menzel has been named a member of the squad.



An exciting incident in the 1st round at Rookwood. England proved final.—Photo by A.A. Kahn.

emotional rugby match played last Saturday between England and Ireland was good for Ireland, winning by 37-8 and will now meet Scotland in the

Cricket Notes

Navy Play Senior Men In Junior League XI

(By "R. Abbi")

It is much to be regretted (and I can assure you that this is true) that owing to ill health I was not able to get any personal impression of the cricket on Saturday or Sunday last. I have, however, managed by dint of various kind friends to ascertain some features to bolster up the actual printed scores of the matches on these days.

As regards Saturday, owing to illness and other troubles the Civil Service had to take the field without at least four, and perhaps we may say five, of their regular side. They took the opportunity to give a game to Pryde, Sutter, and N. Smith, all still at school, and though it must be admitted that Paxton was too old a hand for these boys when batting, all of them fielded magnificently. Sutter showed an amazing turn of speed in the field. I do not know what his 100 yard time is, but he should be one of the coming sprinting champions of the Colony.

As regards the game, the Navy didn't start well and Perry and McLellan found their length at once. Whitmarsh found it very difficult indeed to score and was very slow. What might have happened had Kennedy been given out in the 20th remains to be guessed at, and when I say this I do not say it in any unsporting way. Kennedy was actually walking away from the wicket I am told, when given out, but if the Umpire did not think the ball touched the bat he was perfectly right to call the man back. After all, there are lots of batsmen who trot back to the Pavilion when they are not out. Kennedy and Whitmarsh collected 70 of the Navy's somewhat painful 101, though it is just they were by no means at full strength themselves. I find it a little difficult to understand how they justify the fact that when they have a first eleven playing, they have both Leading Seaman Smith and E. A. Clayton playing for the Navy. Both these cricketers played for the Navy in both games in the Triangular Tournament, and I frankly consider that they have completely blotted their copy book by playing them for a second eleven league game! I know their difficulties about getting up sides with ships away, but how can they play the man who has twice in the Navy for a Tournament game is a second eleven cricketer when these Tournament games were played at a time when practically all the ships were in, leaves me wondering. Clayton may possibly be excused, but Baer was away, but of the first eleven playing against the Civil Service Whitmarsh and Paxton are the only two Tournament players who appeared.

To revert to our mittens, the Navy were all out for 101, and the Civil Service might have got the run, but they were, but for the fact that at the very beginning Richardson called for a foolish run and Colledge was badly run out. Not only did this appear entirely to upset Richardson but it apparently paralysed the rest of the side, who, with the exception of Perry, lay down in heaps in front of Paxton. Now I know by personal experience that, though I have a very great respect for Paxton's bowling, he is a great deal more dangerous on grass than he is on matting and this game was at King's Park. In the vernacular, they didn't ought to have got out as easy.

AN EXCITING GAME
The game at Sookunpoo between the I.R.C. and the Craigengower Cricket Club seems to have been one of thrills. Looking through the side it seems to me that Craigengower were at fair strength, but they had not P. Billimoria, their excellent left-hander, playing for the I.R.C. I have noticed once or twice that he manages to turn out on Sundays but not on Saturdays, and it is very hard lines on Craigengower. Actually they took the sporting course and hit up 155 for 6 declared. With the exception of Francis Zimmerman and Tinker Lee all these first nine men got double figures, while U. H. Esmael, going in last, hit up 10.

POOR BATTING AT RECREIO
There is little to say about this match, except perhaps that one paper I read insisted on printing Mr. G. L. Soares instead of E. L. Gosano, or so I believed. He is any to have batted very well indeed for 21 runs, while Prata and E. M. L. Soares were also to the fore, apart from that no-one did anything. Halsey going on early and then later again, had 5 for 14, while Longfield who bowled ten overs for 23 runs had 6 wickets as well. Pearce was unlucky to have E. M. L. Soares dropped off him before the batsman had scored. As regards the Club batting the less said the better. Pearce did well to get 30 not out "and that", said John, "is that."

SUNDAY GAMES
I am told that the Volunteers' game with Recreio was only exciting

Hockey

Police Defeated At Macao

Macao, Jan. 15.
Extremely evenly-contested hockey was witnessed here by a large crowd this afternoon when the Hongkong Police 1st team met Macao's first eleven in a friendly encounter. The score at the close of play was one goal to nil in favour of Macao.

Play was fast, and the forwards of both sides were equally formidable from the outset. The visitors commenced the attack, but the home defenders were equal to the situation. Costa, left-back, robbed Jasbir Singh, the Police centre-forward, of the ball and thereby held the Police attack. Thereupon, some clever stick-work was witnessed as Angelo, centre-forward, with Alrosa and Rosario, the local inside forwards, formed a fine triangular combination to penetrate the visitors' defence. However, the Police custodian, Jessop, cleared splendidly, and the ball was soon carried down into Macao's territory.

After repeated attacks, Macao managed to open the score 12 minutes from bully-off. The shot by P. Angelo, centre-forward, was particularly tricky one. Tackling Mehhar Singh, left-back, Angelo secured the ball some considerable distance from the Police goal zone and in a lightning dash past Man Singh, right-back, he sent the ball crashing into the visitors' goal.

Thereafter, the Police tried hard to equalize and all but scored five minutes before the interval. A concerted attack by the Police forwards kept Almada on tenter-hooks. Clearing on flank drive, Almada had to meet another angle shot from the opposite wing. Again the Police had the ball with Almada to beat, but the ball which the Police centre-forward took, sky-rocketed and went clear above the Macao goal bar.

POLICE ATTACK

Upon resumption, some fine movements were observed as the Police pressed on the left flank, Wall and Narwant Singh being very prominent. Brown, Parker, and Jackson were a fine trio of half-backs, and broke up many of the manoeuvres of the local forwards. Jessop cleared magnificently after a short corner had been awarded Macao just before the close of play.

It is difficult to single out any player in particular who excelled himself in the day's game. Rosario and Costa, backs, were a tower of strength, while Almada was absolutely up to the mark in goal. Parker, the Police pivot, did more than his full share of work, being ably assisted throughout by the wing halves, Brown and Jackson.

Police.—Jessop; Man Singh, Mehhar Singh; Brown, Parker, Jackson; Seja Singh, Rattan Singh, Jasbir Singh, Wall, Narwant Singh.

Macao.—Almada; R. Rosario, Costa; J. Nolasco, Alex Alrosa, Santos Ferreira; F. Nolasco, Albert Alrosa, P. Angelo, H. Rosario, A. Angelo.—Our Own Correspondent.

In the last few minutes. It was again a game of poor scoring, although my informant said that the wicket did not play badly, but that it seemed very loose on top and every ball left a mark. L. C. Gosano played a nice knock for the home side, while Xavi and Alves put on 23 runs or so for the last wicket. These proved very useful, for the Volunteers made 118. Perry played well, but Donald Anderson's knock was the best of the lot. Enrie Zimmerman had some nice square cuts in his innings, however. McLellan failed and with Stoker in and the score at 118, with 4 to go and 5 to win, he flatly refused to run under the assumption that Zimmerman at the other end could get the runs. Unfortunately Zimmerman was bowled and the Recreio won a close game by four runs.

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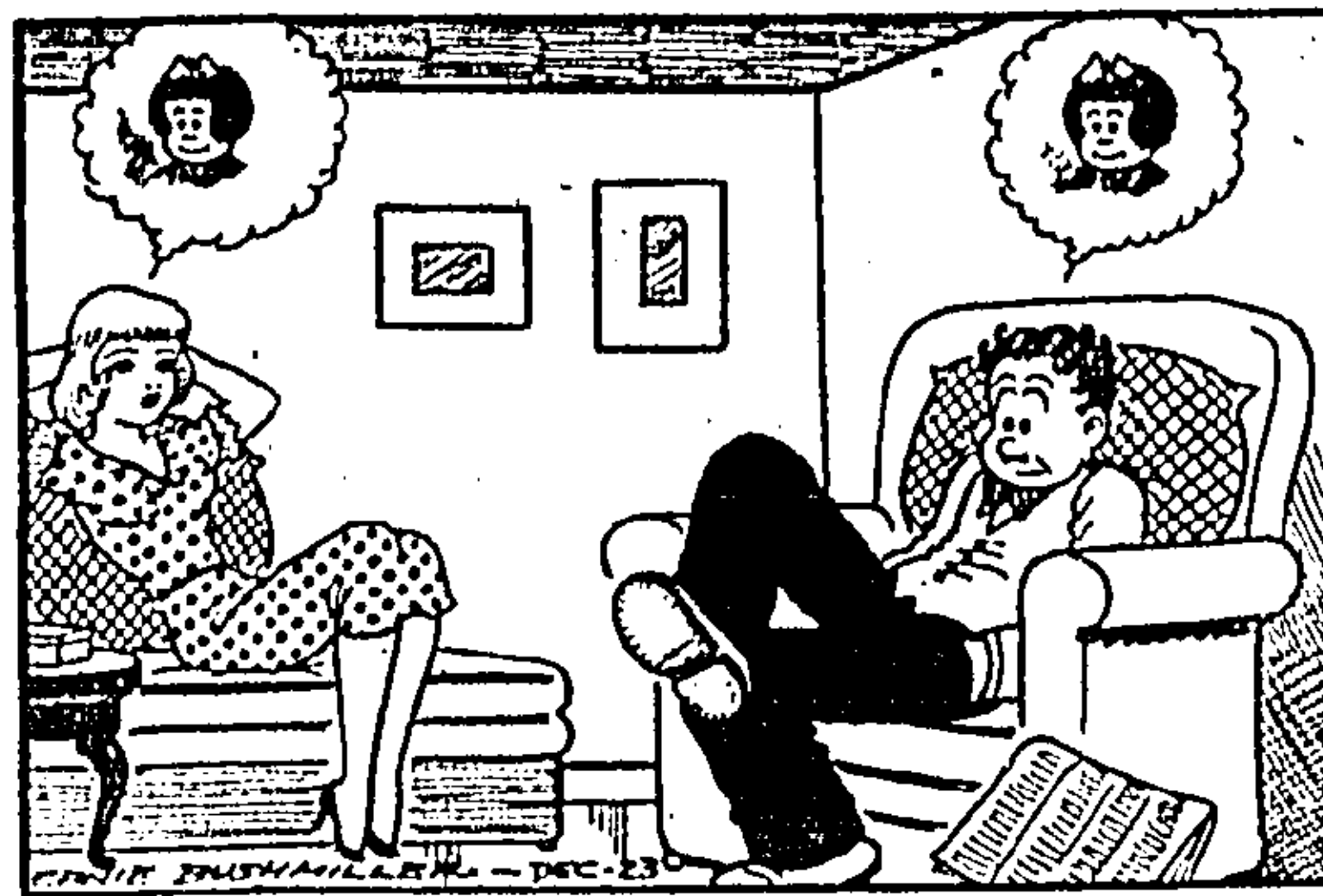
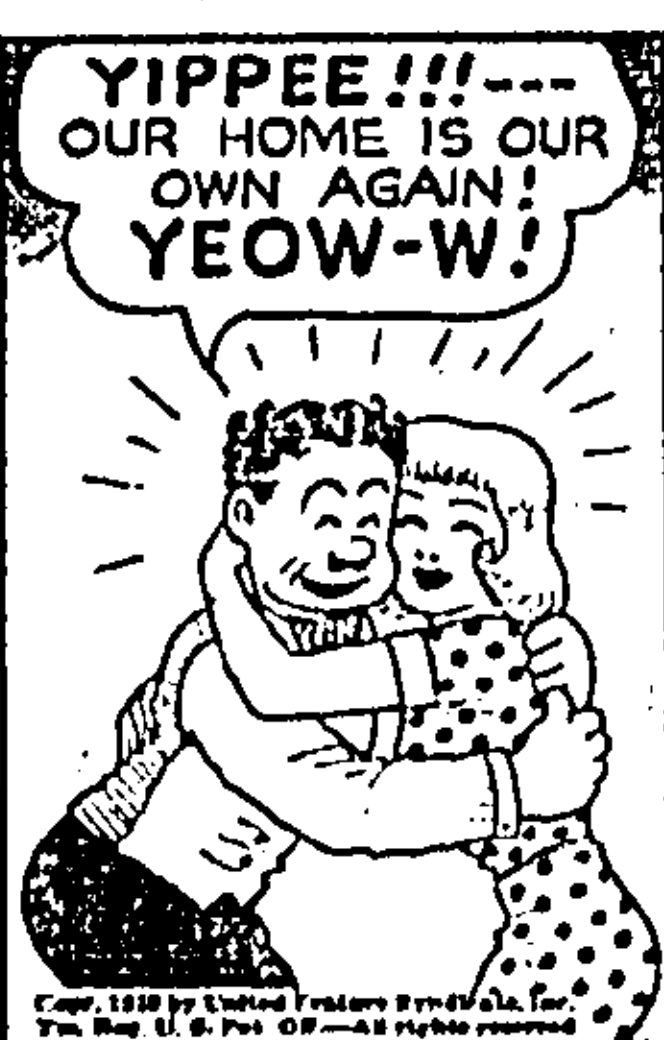
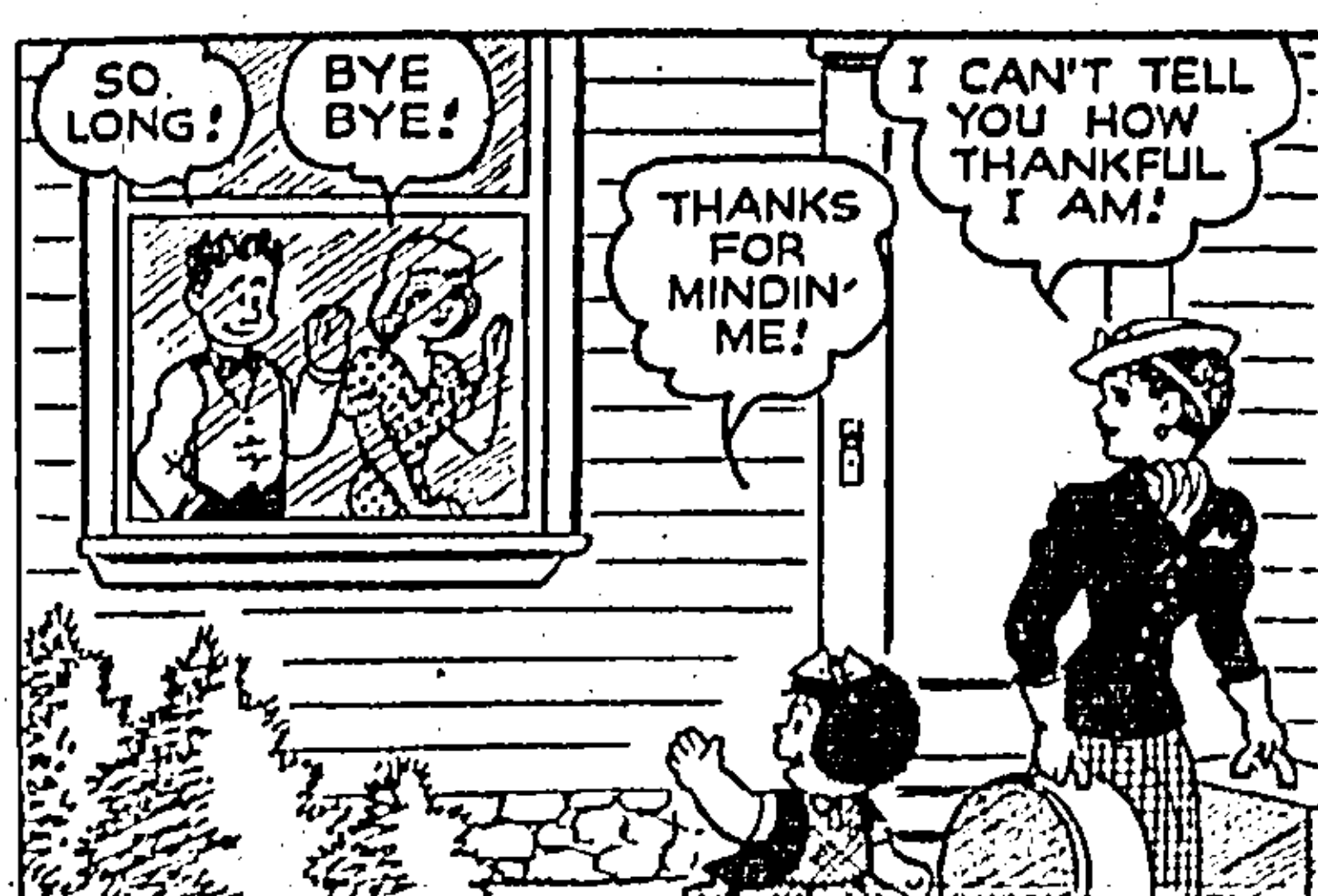
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By Ernie Bushmiller

POLICE HOLD THEIR LAST RUGBY TRIAL

TO PLAY ROYAL SCOTS AT SOOKUNPOO TO-DAY

(By "Fly-Half")

Last evening on the Club ground, Police held their final trial before starting in competitive rugby. Thirteen Police players turned out—Searle, A.S.P., Oakley, Cullinan, Jessop, Hemsley, Rose, Wall, Jenner, Willerson, Wheeler, Jackson, Taylor and Mackenzie—and after general practice combined with Club players present in a practice game.

Although lacking in the finer points of the game, the Police players gave a creditable display. The pack, consisting of Searle, Cullinan, Jessop, Hemsley, Rose, Jenner, Oakley and Wheeler, is heavy and promise to be a formidable bunch in the set scrums. Searle and Oakley, the wing forwards, showed fine understanding of the game and were frequently seen doing good in the loose. Amongst the backs, Taylor and Willerson, with strong running, although he found difficulty in handling the wet ball. In yesterday's showing, the three will need more practice together before a forceful combination is formed.

This afternoon at 2.45 p.m. the Police will play their first game against a Royal Scots' team at Sookunpoo. Wilson, a Club player, is a doubtful starter as he badly bruised his knee whilst playing for Ireland in last Saturday's International series. Heath, another player well-known to local rugger

enthusiasts, will be an absentee as he is at present on holidays. He will be greatly missed as he is an active wing forward. For to-day's game, the Police will be represented by the following team: Rose, Cullinan, Wheeler, Jessop or Riddell, Hemsley, Oakley, Jenner, Searle, Luscombe, Wilson, Willerson, Jackson and Wall. Should Wilson be fit, his partnership with Luscombe should be a success as they have frequently played together in Club "A" games. Luscombe at the beginning of the season played regularly for the Club 1st XV at scrum-half.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Prior to the big game on Saturday in which England play Scotland to decide the winner of the International Series, Ireland and Wales will fight it out to avoid the wooden spoon. This is an innovation and should prove a worthy game as on last Saturday's showing there is not a great deal of difference between the two teams. The Club ground is the venue of these two attractive matches which start at 2.45 and 4 p.m.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Last Gangster" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Dealing frankly with the life of a racketeer, this film is one of the best of its kind ever made. It is exciting drama, well-handled by the director, Edward Ludwig, who believes in the technique of emphasis by understatement. There are moments of suspense, which the star, Edward G. Robinson, understands to well, and moments of sudden thrill. Rose Standish and James Stewart give the star capable support.

"Spawn of the North" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Virtue enough in its background and in certain of its scenes, this is an action drama which has tried to substitute the honeyed word for the good right arm. The story concerns the fight of honest salmon fishermen against pirates. Henry Fonda, George Raft, Dorothy Lamour and Akim Tamiroff manage to keep the picture above the average.

"North of the Rio Grande" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Red-blooded action of the type that is always expected of all "Honor" Cassidy Western stories. William Boyd is once again the hero of Clarence E. Mulford's yarns, this time cleaning up a frontier town of its crooked officials.

"A Day at the Races" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—The Marx brothers in a dizzy whirl. Those who like them will find them at their best, but those who don't care for them will find their humour unchanged.

"Moonlight Sonata" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—As one might expect, Ignace Jan Paderewski bestrides the narrow world of this melodrama like a Colossus. There are about 30 minutes of his glorious playing and the close-up camera studies enhance their interests. For the piano-playing sequences alone, this is worth while. The plot involves a young noblewoman who is tempted to leave her stalwart fiance for a bounder. She doesn't. Marie Tempest, Charles Farrell, Barbara Greene and Eric Portman are in the cast.

RUGGER FIXTURES ALTERED

PREPARING FOR MALAYAN VISIT

With the approach of the visit of the Malayan Rugby Union side, it has been found necessary to make some alterations in the rugger fixture list previously published in order that the Colony and Club sides to oppose the visitors may be selected.

The fixtures for Wednesday, January 25 and Wednesday, February 1 have therefore been altered and on the first date a Possibles v. Probables match will be played, after which the Colony side will be chosen. The latter will play together once before the Malayan game on the second date, and will be opposed by the Rest of the Colony.

The selectors are a committee of three, who are no longer on the active rugger list, one each from the Army, Navy and Club, and are Capt. Pross, Lt. Cmdr. Helbert and Dr. Selby. The selectors will watch next Saturday's International games and will then nominate the men whom they wish to appear in the Possibles v. Probables match on the following Wednesday.

The Volunteer match v. The Army on Saturday, January 28 has been postponed until the end of the season on March 4 and instead the Club Interport side, in which there will be some changes from the team which was defeated by the Navy in the last game of the Triangular Tournament, will play against the Rest.

TO-MORROW'S GAME

There will be a game on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow at 4.45 p.m., when the Club "A" XV will play an Army side. The Club side has been selected as follows: H. F. Hopkins; K. A. Munro, M. G. Carruthers, D. Hynde, E. M. Wain, J. Hutcheon, J. Redman, G. J. P. Carey, J. S. Dunnett, (Captain), J. C. Menhinick, G. M. Marrs, J. Moodie, R. G. L. Oliphant, W. A. Johnson and W. Stoker.

ENSIGN PLANES WITHDRAWN

London, Jan. 16. Imperial Airways announce that the Ensign type of machine has been temporarily withdrawn from service for modification. The Ensigns, which are on the Paris-London route, are being replaced by Frobiushers. The Ensigns hold the commercial records for flights to and from Paris.

History Repeats Itself In Open Golf Tourney Of The Philippines

By Ralph G. Hawkins

Manila, Jan. 9.

History repeated itself at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club course in Madaluyong when Norman Von Nida, 24-year old, blue-eyed Australian pro romped off with the 1939 Philippine Open championship with tall, affable Chin Seisui of Japan, pressing him throughout the 36-hole final for top honours. Von Nida's 72-hole score was 292, one stroke less than the score with which he bagged last year's Open.

Chin Seisui, who finished second in last year's tournament with a 293 aggregate, had a bit of tough luck yesterday but succeeded in finishing in a tie for second place with his countryman, R. Asami. He had a score of 294.

Unlike last year, however, when Von Nida came up from behind to stand a sensational last 18-hole finale and ring up a 69 to win first money by two strokes, the youthful Australian stayed out in front throughout the competition. In the first round, played Friday, he tied with Kanekichi Nakamura, Japanese pro, for top place with a 72. In the second round he was at once separated from the lead with Chin Seisui. In the morning round of 18 holes yesterday, he and Seisui both turned in 72's to start the final 18-holes all-square with the ₱5,400 first prize money dangling before them.

It was neither sensational nor spectacular golf that Von Nida and Chin Seisui played in the closing rounds. But they were matching each other stroke for stroke and up to the 17th hole they stood all square. It was the 17th that toppled Chin. He took six on the par 4 hole while Von Nida collected his usual par. And that decided things then and there.

Meanwhile, Asami, whom no one expected to threaten the leaders, was battering out a neat 72 for the last 18 holes and succeeded in tying Chin for second money.

The best golf of the 36-hole finale, however, was shot by J. Morioka, another Nipponese entry, who turned in a card of 71 for the morning round and a 70 for the final 18 holes. He finished in fifth place with a 290, one stroke above Miyamoto's 295.

JAPANESE DO WELL. Of the 13 Japanese entries, six placed among the first 10. Twelve of the 13 qualified for the final. Chikara Miyamoto, secretary-master of the Cebu U. S. Country Club, finished in ninth place while Larry Montes was the only other Filipino to land among the first 10. Nava's score was 305 and Montes' was 300.

John Montague, colourful entry from the United States, finished in 11th place with a 301 aggregate. Eric Cremin, Australian pro, who once defeated Von Nida, 12 and 10, barely finished in 10th place.

N. Miyoshi, of Japan, was low amateur of the tournament, his 300 enabling him to land in tenth place in tie with Montes and Cremin. J. Simpson, Jr., of the Manila Golf Club, was next low amateur, with a 312.

The last 18 holes of play between Norman Von Nida and Chin Seisui turned into a close stroke competition. Paired with the two leaders was T. Miyamoto, five times open champion of Japan, who always hovered as a threat.

In the morning round, Von Nida got off to a good start, shooting the first nine in 34, two below par, as Chin clipped out a 38 and Miyamoto a 37. Von Nida shot the second nine in 38 and Chin made it in 39 to make things all square.

Things looked bad for Von Nida at the start of the final 18 holes. He and Chin took fours on No. 1, but Chin took No. 2 with a three while the defending champion made it in 4, one above par. Chin had Von Nida two down on No. 3 when he took a four and the Australian took a five. Von Nida got into a sand trap on his second shot. He blasted out nicely but missed a 10-foot putt.

LEAD REDUCED

It was not until the seventh hole that Von Nida was able to cut down Chin's lead. On that hole both Chin and Miyamoto drove wide while Von Nida made a nice drive and was on the green on his second shot. Chin pitched into a trap on his second, got out nicely but two-putted to take the hole in five against Von Nida's four. No. 9 was really the turning point.

It was here that Von Nida caught up with his rival. Chin hit into a trap on his second shot and then made his first dub of the day. Von Nida landed on the green on his second but he three-putted and took the hole in five while Chin made it in six and they were all square again.

The trio made the 10th in fours. On No. 11, Miyamoto shot a birdie three while Von Nida took a stroke lead over Chin when he parred the hole as the Japanese hit into the trees, had trouble in getting past some rocks and had to be content with a five.

But Chin matched Von Nida stroke for stroke from the 11th to the 16th. On the latter hole, both Chin and Von Nida were on the green with their drives. But Von Nida two-putted while Chin sank a 15-footer to take the hole with a birdie two.

The 17th was the deciding hole. Chin drove into the rough to the left. Von Nida smacked his ball straight down the fairway for a nice lie as did Miyamoto. Chin drove another ball in the event his first ball was lost. The first ball, however, was found. Chin made a nice recovery but put his next one into a sand trap while Von Nida landed on the green. Then Chin missed an 8-foot putt to take the hole in 6 while Von Nida sank his for a four.

On No. 18 both Chin and Von Nida got into the sand trap on their second. Both blasted out nicely and took the hole in five one, above par. To Norman Von Nida will go ₱4,000 of the ₱10,000 prize money while Chin Seisui and Asami will divide the second and third prize money amounting to ₱4,000. T. Miyamoto cops the fourth prize of ₱800 while the ₱600 fifth prize money will go to Morioka who earned it with his final 36-hole performance.

To Miyoshi and M. Simpson, Jr., will go silver trophy cups as low amateur, and runner-up, respectively. The prizes will be awarded at a luncheon to-day tendered by the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in honour of the winners.

The 27th annual open championship, just concluded, was the most successful ever staged in the Philippines both from the standpoint of competition and from the financial end. Credit for the excellent manner in which the tournament was conducted is due to Henry Belden, Bill Shaw and "Doc" Fobolador who comprised the tournament committee.—Manila Bulletin.

SQUASH TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

Twenty entries were received for the Colony Open Squash Tournament, the first round draw for which resulted as follows: First round.—P. F. McCabe v. M. F. L. Haymes; P. Welch v. A. C. I. Fowler.

Second round.—L. Goldman v. Major F. C. Nottingham (R.E.); L. F. S. Skelton (R.N.) v. L. T. N. Calver (R.N.); Major W. G. Harvey (R.A.M.C.) v. C. Austin; D. I. Bosanquet v. Sq. Ldr. J. Warburton (R.A.F.); Sur. Cmdr. C. B. Nicholson (R.N.) v. Lt. N. W. Dimsey (R.A.); Lt. G. W. Hook (R.A.) v. J. E. Potter.

First Round.—R. C. Beavan v. G. Polglase; L. C. Baker v. R. C. Geer. All matches will be the best of five games, and, up to the semi-finals, may be played on any courts in the Colony. The semi-finals and the final will be played on the Army No. 1 court. The first-named player is responsible for arranging the match, and first round matches will be completed by January 17; second round

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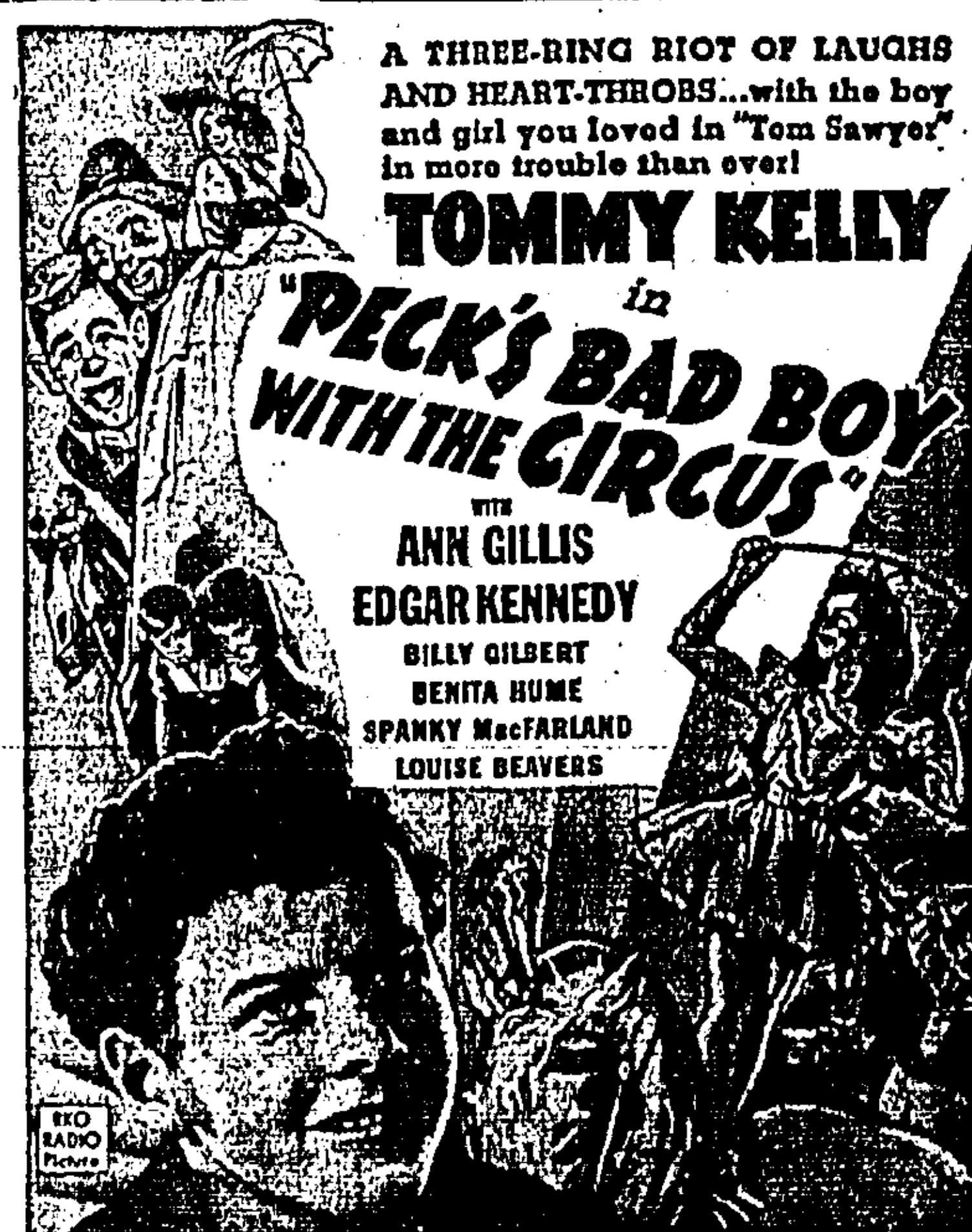
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matches by January 24; third round matches by January 30; semi-finals by February 3, and the final by February 7. The official ball is the "Silver-town" supplies of which can be obtained from the Hongkong Cricket Club.

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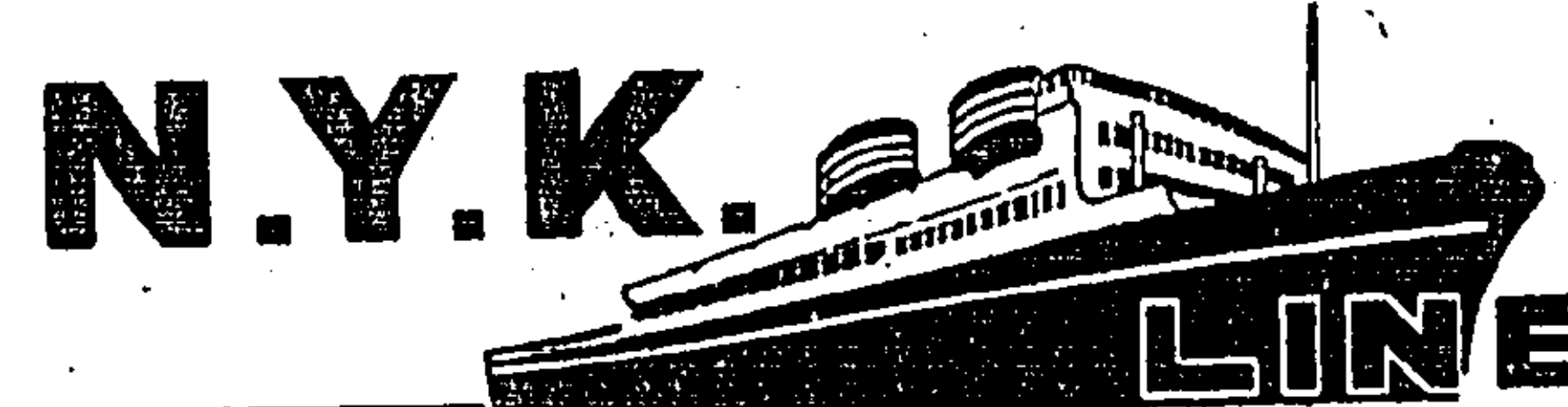
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H.K. COUPLE MARRIED IN ENGLAND

Lt. St. John Weds Miss Elva Skinn

LIEUTENANT Oliver John Frank Lockwood St. John, R.N., formerly of H.M.S. Cumberland in Hongkong, was married on Thursday, December 29, at St. Anne's Church, Kew Green, to Miss Elva Rosemary Skinn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Skinn, of Hongkong.

The bridegroom, who is now attached to the submarine service, is the son of Lt. Col. the Hon. Rowland and Mrs. St. John, of 57 Ennerdale Road, Richmond. He is a grandson of the late Lord St. John of Bletsoe and cousin of the present Lord St. John, and is also grandson of the late Sir Frank Lockwood, G.C., M.P.

The bridegroom and his best man, Lt. Colin Hume Henderson, R.N., both wore full dress uniform, and the bride's little page, her cousin, David Candlin, wore the miniature uniform of a naval petty officer, with the cap ribbon of H.M.S. Dolphin, the depot of the submarine service to which the bridegroom is now attached.

The Rev. Francis Leonard, of the Royal Navy, the Rev. G. Mostyn-Priehard, Vicar of St. Anne's Church, and the Rev. C. D. Pronger officiated. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Arthur Hugh Candlin. She wore a full skirted ivory dress, with a short train and veil of Brussels net, appliqued with lace motifs, worn with a wreath of miniature Arum lilies. Her pearl necklace and earrings were the gift of her father, and her diamond naval crown brooch was the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a Victorian bouquet of white flowers tied with blue ribbons.

Six Bridesmaids

The bridesmaids were the Misses Marguerite and Diana Candlin, Hazel and Verity Young (cousins of the bride), Miss Elaine St. John, sister of the bridegroom and the Hon. Sybil St. John, cousin of the bridegroom. Their dresses were of ivory net, over deep plum moire, with wreaths of small pink and blue flowers. They carried French fans of painted gauze with silver sequins, the gift of the bridegroom.

The ushers were Mr. Stephen St. John, R.A., Mr. Beauchamp St. John, the Hon. Hugh Lawson Johnston, and Mr. Wilfred Young.

The church was decorated with holly evergreens, with Christmas trees, electrically illuminated on either side of the chancel steps, while the altar cases contained Madonna lilies.

Before the service, which was choral, the organist played Water Music by Handel, and at the entry of the bride the Hymn "O, Father, All Creating." The Hymn "O Perfect Love" was sung, and after the Blessing, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell." The Choral, sung during the signing of the register was Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

As the guests left the church for the reception at Prince's Hall, Richmond, the bells were pealed.

After the reception, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon, the bride wearing for travelling a two-piece suit of soft blue angora cloth, flecked with grey, a leopard skin coat and navy blue hat, bag and shoes.

Severe Gales Lash United Kingdom

The United Kingdom suffered severely from heavy gales during the week-end.

In London yesterday, the temperature at 9 a.m. was 52, which is eight degrees above normal.

Shipping received a heavy battering, especially in the Irish Sea.

Roads are flooded in many areas, especially in Yorkshire.

Mr. William Richard Hillier has been appointed Deputy Shipping Master as from January 11.

The prizes of the Amateur Movie Makers Contest will be awarded and the prize-winning films will be shown on January 20, 1939, at 5 p.m. in the Film Depot office, Marina House.

All contestants and their friends will be welcome.

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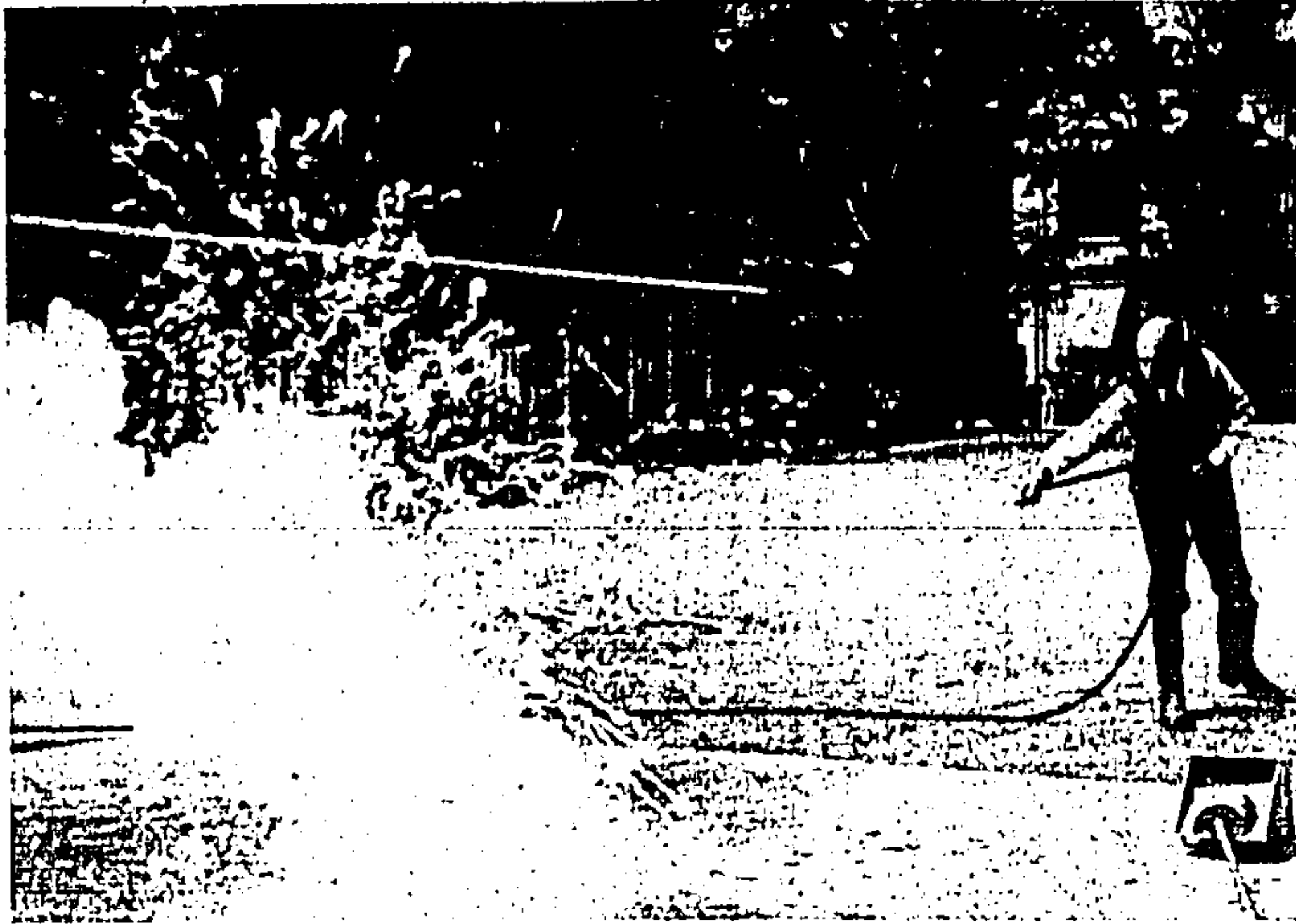
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Members of the A.R.P. Union watching the incendiary bomb demonstration at Volunteer Headquarters.—Jaffer



Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins spraying the exploding bomb with water at the demonstration.—Jaffer.



Miss Elvie Yuen and Miss Marie Braga examine an incendiary bomb.—Jaffer.



Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins lights an incendiary bomb for the demonstration.—Jaffer.



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Parliament Sit In Yugo-Slavia

Belgrade, Jan. 16.
Both Houses of Parliament met today for the first time since the recent elections.
In the Chamber all the 204 members of the Government Party were present, but only 17 out of the 67 members of the opposition, led by Dr. Matichuk, attended.
In the Senate, the former Minister

Mr. J. H. S. Duncan of 4, Duke Street, Kowloon was fined \$8 when he pleaded guilty to a summons of having allowed two Irish settlers to go abroad without a proper lead or muzzle on December 25.
of the Interior, Father Koroschitz was elected President. In a short speech expressing his thanks to the Assembly, Father Koroschitz stressed the need of national unity in view of the difficult political times through which Yugo-Slavia and Europe were now passing.—Trans-Ocean.

EUROPEAN MOTORISTS IN TRAFFIC COURTS

EUROPEAN MOTORISTS filled the Kowloon Magistracy to-day—traffic offences day.

JAPAN TO REPLY TO PROTESTS

"Colonial System in China Must Go"

TOKYO, Jan. 17.
AFTER CAREFULLY studying their implications, the Japanese Government will send formal replies to the new American and British notes regarding Japan's policies towards China, informed political circles understand.

It is pointed out that the British and American notes are practically identical in substance which is indicative of their efforts to maintain joint action against Japan so far as the Chinese situation is concerned.

In its anticipated replies to Washington and London, the Japanese Government will point out that Japan's policies have been derived from the new situation rapidly developing in East Asia which will not be regulated by any "conventional" or "formal logic."

Calling attention to the alleged non-realistic ideas and selfish motives underlying the two Powers' notes, Japan will manifest her "ardent desires to realize a new ideal which forms the keynote of Japan's so-called fundamental policies towards China," political circles further indicate.

They argue that the British and American proposals designed to effect modification, if necessary, of the Open Door and Equal Opportunity principles in China by the means of multilateral consultations among the Powers concerned, are in disregard of the past failures of "the conventional diplomacy."

No Agreement

It is further pointed out that the matter at stake is a subject on which even two countries will not easily come to an agreement and that it is least likely that the object in view will be attained through multilateral discussions among various Powers concerned.

Willing To Comply

Japan, however, is prepared to comply with the British and American requests, the same circles understand, providing the following conditions are fulfilled:

1.—Complete "emancipation" of Oriental races and abolition of colonial systems in China and establishment of free residence and travel by Orientals.

2.—Realization of complete freedom of world commerce which entail liquidation of existing economic blocs and removal of customs barriers and the system of import quotas.

3.—Equitable distribution of raw materials which will provide for free acquisition of materials necessary for the existence of the respective countries and their national defence.

Mr. L. H. Smith, of the Central British School, was fined \$5 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macdonald for leaving his car unattended outside the Majestic Theatre, Nathan Road.

A similar offence netted Mr. D. O. F. Lumsden, of the Royal Air Force, a fine of \$5.
E. H. C. de Carvalho was cautioned for failing to have his car properly illuminated on Boxing Night. Carvalho claimed that he was unaware that his headlights were not on until his attention was drawn to the fact by a traffic officer.

A. G. Hargrave, of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., paid a fine of \$5 for leaving his car unattended in the Pedder Street car park beyond the limit of two hours, and Lo Wai-hee was fined \$5 for a similar offence outside Holland House.

Chung Kwong-wai, pleaded Not Guilty to a charge of causing an obstruction with a car in Chater Road, and to a second charge of failing to produce his driving licence. The cases were remanded until Thursday morning.

Norwegian Vagrant In Hongkong

A. Allekson, 24, Norwegian, was charged with being a vagrant when he appeared before Mr. H. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning and committed to the House of Detention. A similar charge against another Norwegian was withdrawn, as it was said that he had since found a position.

Detective Sergeant P. H. Loughlin said Allekson had missed his ship, but had been offered employment on two occasions which he had refused to take. The Norwegian Consul was still endeavouring to get him employment.

Japan To Occupy Paracels, Report

London "News-Chronicle" learns from "parliamentary source" that Japan has decided to annex the Paracel Islands—which lie between Indo China and the Philippine Islands—and attach them administratively to Formosa.

Article adds that decision is likely to cause serious concern to France—whose warships occupied the islands last July—on the grounds they are within easy striking distance of Indo-China.

Japan protested French occupation of islands as a "violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China."—United Press.

In the event of these conditions being fulfilled those circles express the belief, such restrictions at present dictated by the requirements of the national defence and economic security of Japan, Manchukuo and China will be removed to relieve the uneasiness and anxiety on the part of Great Britain and the United States.—Domet.

HANDBAGS IN THE NEWS

LADIES' HANDBAGS still figure prominently in news gathered from Police Stations.

Mrs. Baden, of 54, MacDonnell Road, reports that her handbag disappeared when she momentarily left it on a counter in Lane, Crawford's.

A seventy-year-old woman, Tang Kwai-ying, had her handbag snatched as she was walking down Wing Lok Street. The bag contained \$61.

A bag-snatcher met retribution this morning, when Lam Wing, 18, was sent to prison for three months for stealing a handbag from Mrs. A. E. E. Effries, of 177, Boundary Street.

LONG LIST OF THEFTS

Police Inspector Among Yesterday's Victims

EUROPEANS ARE the victims of several thefts reported to the police during the past 24 hours.

Mr. M. L. Evans, of 117 Boundary Street, has reported the theft of two rattan baskets, containing articles to the value of \$40, from his car.

A Police Inspector was the victim of a robber in Gascoigne Road, Yau-mat, thieves stripping his parked car of its radio set and a clock, valued at \$148. The victim was Acting Inspector H. G. Hallam.

Mr. Hogson, of Shekko, has reported the loss of his motor-car, which was stolen from the Connaught Road Central car park.

SCHOOLBOY ROBBED
Clothing, valued at \$60, was stolen from the dormitory of the Diocesan Boys' School. The articles were the property of a student, D. Hutchinson.

Pte. McCarthy, of the R.A.S.C., also reports the loss of clothing, stolen from his quarters in Victoria Barracks. Total value was \$37.

Money and jewellery worth \$58 was stolen from the residence of Chan Kam-chuen, Lockhart Road.

LATE NEWS

Air Mail Now On Schedule

In spite of earlier reports that tomorrow's mail has been delayed, Imperial Airways announced this afternoon that the mail will arrive on schedule at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

Inquiries made by the air company in London reveal that the mail which should have been despatched from England on January 7 was never put on the plane.

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